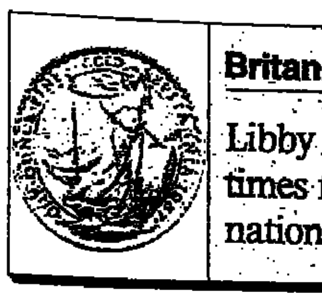

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Tougher wording for peace appeal

Dispute over Auschwitz is patched up

FROM ROGER BOYES IN AUSCHWITZ

A DISPUTE between nations and religions that threatened to disrupt commemorations of the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz appeared to have been patched up last night.

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace laureate and a former camp inmate, yesterday called for a much tougher wording of a "declaration for peace and tolerance" to be issued by a group of Nobel prizewinners led by President Walesa of Poland. "Mr Wiesel simply wants the text to say something meaningful and not just end up with a verbal mishmash," a member of the American Jewish delegation said.

Last night it was agreed that it would be acknowledged that Jews had been the main target of Nazi atrocities.

The ugliest incident in the lead-up to the anniversary today was the attempt by Rabbi Avraham Weiss, a radical Jewish activist, to occupy a Catholic church near the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp. "This cross dishonours the six million," read his protest placard as he tried to block the doorway to the church of Holy Mary. "This church is illegal!" he yelled. Father Jozef Swiecicki, the parish priest, told the rabbi that his presence, and not the church, was illegal. As the arguments raged on, several dozen parishioners started to sing Catholic anthems. After some hours the Polish police eventually hustled away the rabbi, who has been protesting for well over a decade about what he regards as an attempt by Poland to treat Auschwitz as a site of Christian rather than Jewish martyrdom.

The Jewish community was not the only critic of the Polish organisers yesterday. *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, the Russian newspaper, protested that Russia was being sidelined in ceremonies even though it was Soviet forces that liberated the camp. Its comments were echoed yesterday by Russian diplomats.

Beside the tumbled concrete blocks of the gas chambers of Auschwitz-Birkenau — which the Nazis had blown up to try to hide the murders — more than 1,000 people gathered. Prayers rang out in Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish, English and German.

A handful of gypsies, 21,000 of whom died in Auschwitz, joined the procession of 15,000 on the route to the camp.

Mr Walesa — who has been trying for three years as head of state to counter accusations that he is anti-Semitic — made a speech at Cracow University yesterday pleading for intellectuals and politicians to resist the kind of authoritarianism that led ultimately to the concentration camp. "Books are burned first, then the authors of those books are imprisoned and then people are murdered. Such was — and still is — the logic of each inhuman system."

Later last night Mr Walesa met other Nobel Peace laureates and representatives of 27 countries and finalised the peace appeal to be read during the main ceremony today. Mr Weisel and Shevach Weiss, Speaker of the Knesset, said they agreed that the peace appeal would acknowledge that Jews were the main target of the Nazi genocide plan symbolised by Auschwitz.

Ninety per cent of the 1.5 million people systematically slaughtered from 1940-45 at the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp were Jewish. More than half the victims were Polish citizens.

But despite the efforts to bridge the Polish-Jewish cultures, friction was the order of the day. Both Poles and Jews claim Auschwitz as a site of their martyrdom. Jewish critics say that Poles tolerated the persecution of the Jews and even fed the hostile climate. Poles say that there were limits to how much they could do under the brutal rule of the Nazis but point out that many Polish families sheltered and saved Jews.

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'I do not know how or why the greatest evil in history grew and flourished in such harmless-looking soil'

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Wiesel hugs Shevach Weiss, speaker of the Knesset

'God of forgiveness, do not forgive'

The Nobel Prize-winner Elie Wiesel, who was in Auschwitz as a child, said in his address at yesterday's unofficial ceremony commemorating the camp's liberation:

> Although we know that God is merciful, please God do not have mercy on those who have created this place. God of forgiveness, do not forgive those murderers of Jewish children here.
>
> Do not forgive the murderers and their accomplices. Those who have been here...remember the nocturnal processions of children and more children and more children, frightened, quiet, so quiet and so beautiful.
>
> If we could simply look at one, our heart would break. Did it not break the heart of the murderers? God, merciful God, do not have mercy on those who had no mercy on Jewish children.
>
> Naturally, we know that there is no collective guilt. Only the guilty were guilty. Their children are children. So children all over the world, remember the Jewish children.
>
> And if you remember, as we try to remember, then, as you just heard, hope is possible that because of our memory, thanks to our Jewish memory, a better world might be built in which children could be happy...smiling, singing, taking each other's hands and saying to each other: 'Well, another morning, another day. Another morning, another day, for humankind.'

IAN HODGESON/REUTER

Eric Cantona leaves his home at Boothstown, Greater Manchester yesterday

Cantona faces suspension which could ruin his career

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

ERIC CANTONA, the Manchester United player and *enfant terrible* of football, was charged yesterday by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute following his assault on a Crystal Palace fan.

Cantona seems certain to be dropped from the French national team and stripped of its captaincy. He also faces possible criminal charges for the incident. The attack is also expected to end his career at United, whom he has helped win two Premiership titles and the FA Cup.

On another day of turmoil for the national game, the FA acted swiftly, first condemning the televised incident of Cantona attacking a spectator at Selhurst Park on Wednesday night and then formally charging him with "misconduct that has brought the game into disrepute". He has been given 14 days to respond to the charges.

Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, described the touchline fracas, in which Paul Ince, the Manchester United captain, also became involved as "a stain on our game. If any offence is proved, the player is bound to to face a severe punishment."

Mr Kelly described the incident as bringing "shame on those involved and worst of all on the game itself. We especially deplore the appalling example set to young supporters, who are the game's future. It is our intention to do everything in our power to prevent such a disgraceful event happening again."

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, spoke to both Cantona and Ince yesterday, as the English champions began their own inquest ahead of an extraordinary board meeting.

Cantona, 28, the flawed genius of United, has combined a volcanic temperament with superb ability. However, everyone was amazed at his action after being sent off for kicking at Richard Shaw, of Crystal Palace, four minutes after half-time in the 1-1 draw at Selhurst Park.

He was so upset by the abuse shouted at him by the Palace fans that he jumped over the barrier at the foot of the stand, launching an aerial kick and then a punch at one supporter. In the mêlée that followed, Ince became involved and the police confirmed yesterday they were investigating a separate complaint against the England international midfield player.

Michael Pickett, a friend of Matthew Simmonds, who was attacked by Cantona, said yesterday that his fellow Palace supporter had told him to go back to France and had made a derisory gesture. He said that Simmons had received a gash in the chest in Cantona's attack.

Claude Simonet, the president of the French Football Federation, said: "Unfortunately I think Cantona will have to be taken off the French team. Such behaviour is not compatible with the example a high-level sportsman like Cantona should set."

Gary Lineker, the former England captain, forecast: "He is going to get a long ban. In previous incidents, where he has had a long ban, he has walked out of French football. It remains to be seen whether he walks out of English football."

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More snow predicted

Weathermen predicted more blizzards last night after heavy snow falls in the north of England left at least four people dead and much of the region at a standstill. Hundreds of motorists were forced to take refuge in whatever shelter they could find. More than 14 inches fell in a few hours, as commuters were leaving for home. At its height, over 5,000 vehicles were stranded on the M62 ..... Page 3

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Times man Heren dies aged 75

Louis Heren, a former deputy editor of *The Times* who as a foreign correspondent covered some of the world's most dramatic stories for more than 24 years, died yesterday, aged 75. He joined the paper in 1933 as a messenger.

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BY PETER RIDDELL

THE public opposes Labour's proposals for creating regional assemblies in England, which are central to the party's plans for Scottish and Welsh devolution. An increasing number of people, however, favour constitutional reform, according to a new MORI poll for *The Times*.

The number of people who think Parliament works well has dropped from 59 to 37 per cent over the past four years, while the percentage that believes it works badly has risen from 16 to 38. This will reinforce the calls for reform at a time when the Nolan enquiry into standards of public conduct is considering proposals for tightening rules on MPs' outside interests.

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Cricket's day of winning nostalgia fetches £295,000

BY JOE JOSEPH

EVEN the chap from Lord's turned up at the Phillips auction rooms in London's Bond Street yesterday to plunder the lifetime collection of cricket memorabilia amassed by a Birmingham dentist called Hal Cohen. It is arguably the finest trove of its kind to come on the market in 30 years.

"Lot 115, a pencil and gouache picture called 'In the Pavilion Enclosure' by Sir Robert Ponsonby Staples, has gone home to Lord's," said Richard Madely, auctioneer for the sale. "It came from the Lord's collection in the first place. I am not sure how it left, but it slipped out in the 1930s and came into Hal's collection." It went for £14,950 (the highest single price achieved (all prices include premium) and is heading back to the museum at Lord's.

"So are a Spy watercolour of Pelham Warner and a watercolour of Alfred Lyttleton by Carlo Pellegrini, who signed his cartoons 'Ape'. They went for £7,130 each. What gave me particular delight was that the chairman of Sotheby's, Henry Wydham, was here bidding for them: his evening job is chairman of the works of arts committee for the MCC."

Harold Alfred Cohen began collecting when he was 18 and was still collecting up to his death last summer at the age of 90. Even his wife's stipulation that Hal's collection must be confined to one room did not stop it ballooning into one of the most prized in private hands. Yesterday's 200-strong crowd crammed into the London saleroom was swelled by scores of telephone bidders.

"We had a bidder on the phone from Australia desperate for a Victorian wall tile with a printed half-length figure of W.G. Grace on it," Mr Madely added. "He was not going to let anyone else have it. The estimate was £40-£60. He ended up paying nearly £750 for it. Plus the cost of the phone call. What you've seen here is true cricketing enthusiasts buying for themselves. I'd say 95 per cent of what we've sold is going into private collections."

Cohen's copy of the first edition of *Wisden*, published in 1864, fetched £3,105. Anyone with about £40,000 to spare could have gone home with his entire collection of *Wisdens* running from 1864 to 1985; it was split into 43 lots.

The seven-hour sale, during which bidders were sustained with tea and cucumber sandwiches, totalled £295,860 (including premium), more than double the Phillips estimate and a world record for a cricket sale.

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Madam Ref dispatches unrepentant maverick to an early bath

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

As "Ooh-aah, Cantona" rings out from Old Trafford, Westminster erupts. News from Crystal Palace has reached the Commons and, yesterday, Dale *Campbell-Savours* (Lab, Workington) was determined not to be upstaged by a French footballer.

After a vicious verbal kick at Jeffery Archer, and in scenes reminiscent of the *wilder excesses of football* hooliganism, Campbell-Savours got himself sent off by Madam Ref.

This woman blows a mean whistle. Let us not mince words: it was an ugly quarter of an hour. PM's questions yesterday had all the coherence of a football riot. A rumbustious mood had aris*en already*, in agriculture questions. Junior minister Angela Browning, tackled by Christopher Gill (C — *whipless* — Ludlow), had advised him to eat more fish — for his brain. Her boss, *William Waldegrave, had* flattened the Labour front bench in a dispute about who voted how over animal exports in 1975; then kick-boxed Dennis Skinner...

Waldegrave: "I've been in touch with the French Prime Minister's *cabinay*."

Skinner: "Oi! What's 'appenin' 'ere?"

Waldegrave: "It's French for Cabinet."

Then Labour's Derek Enright (Hemsworth) challenged ministers to declare a national day "to promote Yorkshire rhubarb".

So it is not surprising that, by the time Captain Blair (to hollow Tory laughs and scattered Labour cheers) and Captain Major (Tory cheers) strode on to the pitch at 3.12, a mood of indiscipline gripped the crowd.

The game never really got going. From the stand below the gangway an elderly season-ticket holder, Sir Anthony Grant (C, Cambridgeshire SW) unfurled a sound-bite banner for Private Clegg. Major looked studiously the other way. Very much the prima donna of his own team, Tony Blair began a rather complicated manoeuvre involving mortgage benefits for the unemployed but, barracked from the Tory terraces, temporarily lost control of the ball in confusion.

Miss Boothroyd blew her whistle. Then, aiming more for the shins, Major attacked Blair's consistency as a player. Blair came back with a showy but ultimately pointless display of dribbling — "we *shall never rebuild* a strong and prosperous Britain unless ..." — and was rewarded with a shower of verbal missiles from Tory supporters.

Offered a free kick for the Labour team, *Dennis MacShane* (Rotheram) launched an over-rehearsed set-piece play, bringing in Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi proved an unsatisfactory substitute and MacShane was hissed off the pitch by Tory supporters' *shouts — to the* general effect of " 'Oo does 'e play for then?"

Labour had so far been subdued. But now one of their maverick players, Dale Campbell-Savours, tore behind the Tory defence, to be caught offside with a jibe about what he called Lord *Archer's "criminal activities"*. Shrieks from the Tory stands and a series of blasts on the ref's whistle failed to extract a retraction from the MP.

A furious Miss Boothroyd ordered him off — and expelled him from the ground. Pale with anger, Campbell-Savours strode through the spectators towards the gate. Hisses filled the air but it was noticeable that as *he* approached the Tory yobbos the hisses stopped.

Nobody barracked. Nobody tipped their tea on him. He turned for one last smouldering glance around the stadium, one curt nod at Madam Ref, and stalked out. To allow both sides to recover, *the Chair allowed two* minutes' extra time.

Ooh, aah, Campbell-Savours!

Cabinet agrees to take sceptical line in EU negotiations

By Nicholas Wood and Jill Sherman

A TWO-HOUR Cabinet meeting yesterday agreed to adopt a Euro-sceptic approach to negotiations on the future of the European Union that will climax at the inter-governmental conference of 1996.

Close supporters of the five right-wingers on the Cabinet said that they had been reassured by the sceptical tone adopted by many ministers nominally in the pro-European camp. The meeting agreed that preparatory work for the conference would be undertaken by the European subcommittee of the Cabinet committee on defence and overseas policy, which is chaired by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and is dominated by pro-Europeans such as Kenneth Clarke and David Hunt.

Although this forum excludes two of the Cabinet's foremost Euro-sceptics — Jonathan Aitken, the Treasury Chief Secretary, and Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary — there were few signs of ruffled feathers last night.

Friends of the two ministers said that they believed their right-wing colleagues on the committee — Michael Portillo, John Redwood and Michael Howard — would ensure that their opposition to further encroachment by Brussels on British sovereignty would be kept at the forefront of the development of the British negotiating position.

One right-wing source said: "The Eurosceptic view prevailed at the meeting. Support for the Euro-sceptic position was echoed and brought out by others from unusual quarters." Another source said: "I *am not aware of anyone* who put their head over the parapet and argued the federalist case."

However, Chris Gill, MP for Ludlow, one of the nine whipless Tory Euro-rebels, said he was disappointed that the Right was not more fully represented on the sub-committee. Ministers gave their *support to the more sceptical* line on Europe adopted by John Major in recent months.

His Leiden speech in September and his interview with Sir David Frost earlier this month were said by Downing *Street officials to form the* basis of the Government's approach to "Maastricht II", which will review the treaty forced through the Commons 18 months ago.

Lilley: Euro-sceptic views shared by others

The meeting has commissioned detailed work in a wide *variety of areas designed* to advance British demands and to forearm and forewarn ministers against conflicting proposals from other member states. In a sign of the sensitivity of the issues at stake, Mr Major insisted that details of the Government's negotiating hand should remain secret.

But key elements of the *Government's position are* understood to include:

☐ a veto on significant constitutional changes.

☐ no acceptance of a single currency for Britain in 1996 or 1997.

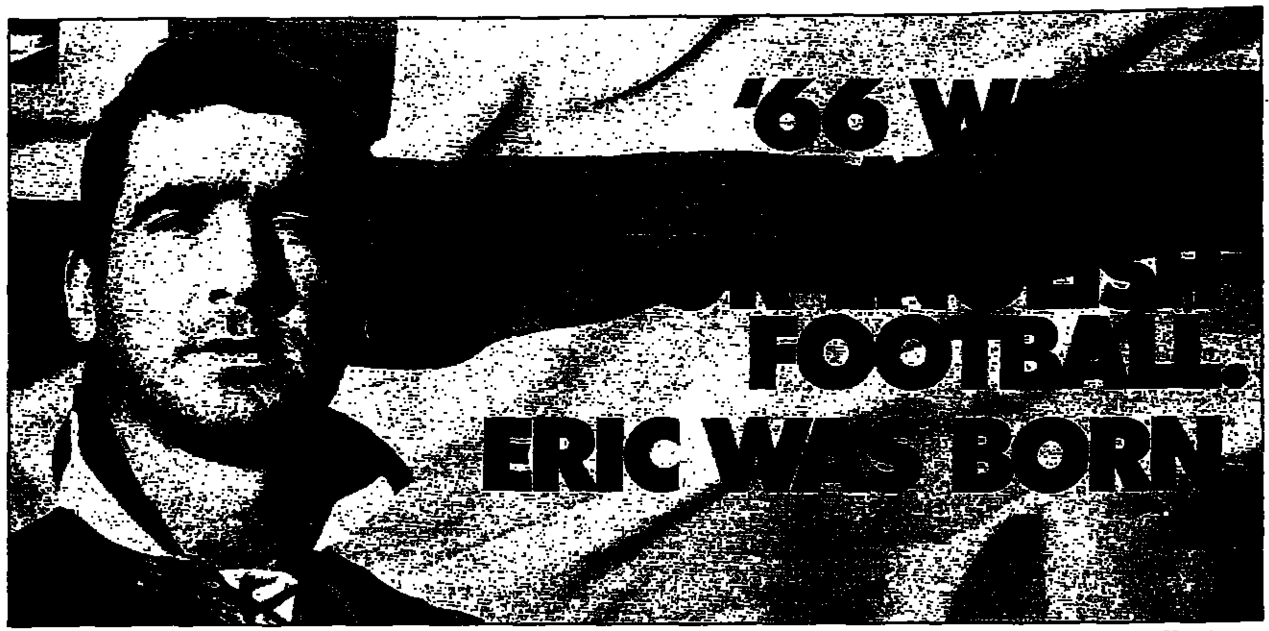
☐ *no elite grouping within the* EU forging ahead towards closer integration while others are excluded.

☐ greater control by member states over the Brussels commission.

☐ reducing the number of commissioners and revision of the voting system in the council of ministers to give more weight to the views of big countries.

☐ enlargement of the EU to admit the former Communist states of central and Eastern Europe.

☐ sweeping overhaul of the common *agricultural* policy and a crackdown on fraud.



Eric Cantona stares down imperiously from one of his sponsor's adverts on a hoarding outside Old Trafford

'He has let us down in a big way'

■ Kate Alderson reports from Manchester, where United fans are struggling to come to terms with their hero's fall from grace

JANUARY 1995 *is likely to be* remembered as a dark month by Manchester United supporters after their hero and star, Eric Cantona, brought the game into shameful disrepute.

Manchester United's adoptive French striker spent yesterday dodging the media and zipping around the city in his modest Honda Accord. After leaving his home in Boothstown, near Worsley, he drove to the training ground, The Cliff, and was spotted two hours later leaving the Old Trafford club by a back entrance.

While at the ground he is reported to have popped into the souvenir shop to buy a "Cantona" shirt for his five-year-old son Raphael but avoided making any com*ment on his scissor-kick kara*te attack that was seen on television by millions. Supporters milling in the forecourt outside the Old Trafford ground were struggling to reconcile the ferocity of the attack they saw on Wednesday and the artistry of the man they call king.

Michael Conroy, 29, a management consultant from Stockport, said he was "gobsmacked". "I don't think United has an option but to get rid of him. He may be a genius but what he did last night was unbelievable. He may have cost us the championship. He has let the club *down in such a big* way."

Most were considerably less critical than Mr Conroy, the majority believing he should be banned for a period but restrained in their condemnation of Cantona's act of violence. Paula Driscoll, 36, a care assistant and life-long supporter, said: "He has not crippled or maimed anyone. He was out of order but people should be *asking questions about the* stewards and police, why they didn't act quicker." Her mother, Elsie Norton, 71, described Cantona as a "lovely, misunderstood fella".

Eugene Dowdall, 30, was *less forgiving: "I think* he should go. We have worked *hard to stop* fans fighting each other and then he goes and does this." Cantona's temper was always going to prove his downfall, Mr Dowdall said.

Andy Mitten, editor of the club's fanzine, *United We Stand*, said he would be "gutted" if Cantona was punished with a lengthy ban. "We accept *he* was out of order but it must be hard for a high-profile players like Eric to keep a cool head with the amount of taunts and abuse he gets from the crowd."

Cantona returned home yesterday afternoon and with a *flamboyant flourish told assembled reporters*: "Take care what you write."

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Scots snub Blair over Clause 4 campaign

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR's bid to ditch Clause Four received a serious setback yesterday when it emerged that Scottish constituencies are lining up to oppose *him. As the Labour leader* launched his nationwide roadshow to convince party members to back him, it was disclosed that all 26 of the resolutions on the issue submitted to the Scottish party *conference are against* constitutional change.

The Labour leader faces a rough ride when he addresses the conference in Inverness on March 10, three days before the National Executive debates the new wording of Clause Four.

Most of the resolutions pointedly support the decision narrowly taken at the party conference last October to retain Clause Four. They argue that the party is being distracted by an internal row when it should be fighting the Government.

Mr *Blair* said he was adamant that changes to the constitution should have backing from as wide as possible a cross-section of the party.

While it is probable that the unions, who will have 70 per cent of the vote at a *special* conference on April 29, *will deliver a victory for Mr Blair*, the Labour leader made clear that was not enough. He said: "I believe we will win. It is extremely important that we *get the party members behind* this."

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MP accuses Archer of 'criminal activity'

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

A LABOUR MP was suspended from the House of Commons yesterday after accusing Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare of "criminal activity" over dealings in Anglia Tele*vision shares*.

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, ordered Dale Campbell-Savours, MP for Workington, from the Commons chamber after he refused to withdraw his attack on the former Conservative party deputy chairman. Mr Campbell-Savours may return today.

Mr Campbell-Savours said: "It's now over six months since a newspaper exposed the illegal activities of the so-called noble Lord Archer, insider *dealing activities. And in* so far as it is quite clear that it is utterly impossible to successfully prosecute what we all know to be criminal activity, is there now going to be a review of the law ..."

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, ordered an inquiry last year into claims that Lord Archer profited from the purchase of Anglia Television shares. After receiving the inspector's report, he concluded that no further action should be taken.

Ministers urge further work before peace talks

By Arthur Leathley and Nicholas Watt

BRITISH and Irish ministers last night ordered further work to be carried out on a framework document aimed at bringing political parties in Northern Ireland into the peace negotiations.

The first meeting between Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick Spring, the Irish *Foreign Minister, ended in* London last night with the two governments still needing to make further progress before the document can be completed.

After talks lasting for more than three hours, the two ministers emerged from Lancaster House, admitting that there was still "serious work" needed before *John Major can* meet John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, to discuss the next stage in the peace process.

Sir Patrick said that progress had been made at yesterday's talks on the 56-paragraph document but admitted that there were unresolved "areas of complexity". *Both ministers refused to* divulge the areas of difficulty but it is known that the issue of setting up cross-border institutions is a big stumbling block.

Sir Patrick and Mr Spring asked officials to continue talks *to complete the* document before the two men meet again soon for an inter-governmental conference.

Meanwhile Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, and Mr Bruton will hold their first formal talks today since Mr Bruton became Prime Minister in December.

Martin McGuinness, a leading Sinn Fein strategist, called on the Government to *stop "dragging its feet" and* to begin the all-party peace talks. Mr McGuinness, who is London with a Sinn Fein delegation in talks with government officials, also warned against any moves by the Government to give Unionists a veto over the peace process.

He called for Sinn Fein to be invited to join all parties in the *negotiations as* soon as possible. "So *far the British* Government has been dragging its feet. They have been stalling the process."

McGuinness: accused ministers of stalling

He also criticised the campaign to win freedom for Lee Clegg, the Parachute Regiment soldier convicted of murdering Karen Reilly, 18, when joyriders crashed through a checkpoint in West Belfast in *September 1990*. He said that he fully expected Miss Reilly to be convicted posthumously of causing the life sentence passed on Private Clegg. In his view the young woman had, like "hundreds of others", been *summarily executed* by a British soldier.

John Major told MPs yesterday that judicial moves that could lead to Clegg's early release were under way. "The proper procedures that I outlined at length on Tuesday ... have now begun," he said in reply to fresh Tory demands for the soldier's release.

☐ *Sir Hugh Annesley, Chief* Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, said yesterday that he believed the IRA leadership remained committed to the peace process after reviewing its ceasefire recent*ly. In his first* newspaper interview since the ceasefire last September, he told the *Irish News* that he was "just on balance optimistic" that peace would hold.

Benn wants MPs who take cash expelled

By Michael Dynes

MPS WHO accept payment for carrying out their parliamentary duties for personal gain should be expelled from the Commons, Tony Benn told the Nolan inquiry yesterday.

Legislation should be introduced to make it a criminal offence for anyone to offer or receive payment "for the use of influence to obtain a commercial or financial advantage".

Contributions for political campaigns should be made to party organisations, and not the representatives of individual parties, Mr Benn said. Giving evidence on the sixth day of Lord Nolan's inquiry into standards of public life, Mr Benn said that growing public anxiety about accusations of "sleaze" in public life could not be "shuffled off on to a few scapegoats". The real problem was that "the House of Commons sets such low standards for its own members".

The emergence of a well-organised *lobbying industry*, which regarded it as perfectly proper to buy influence in Parliament, had brought the reputation of the Commons into disrepute. This had been exacerbated by a prevailing culture which approved of market forces determining MPs' conduct.

The Labour MP added that the "greatest safeguard against improper conduct is that there should be complete disclosure by all MPs about the nature of their own commercial and financial interests. I believe a more comprehensive register of members' interests should be *established, but on a statutory basis*, and extended to all parliamentary candidates," he said. There was also a strong case for drawing up a code of conduct "based on the principle that service in Parliament is a public service".

Alan Jinkinson and Rodney Bickerstaffe, representing Unison, Britain's *largest trade union*, told the inquiry that union sponsorship of MPs was for the constituency party, not the MP.

Mr Jinkinson said that trade unions sponsored 30 MPs. The arrangement included £600 a year to each constituency, an average of £1,500 to help meet election expenses and the cost of full-time researchers, which could be up to £25,000 a year. Mr Jinkinson said the money bought "wider contacts with the House and approaches to ministers".

Flood warning follows night of death and delay with rush-hour roads choked by fierce blizzards

Met Office blamed after snow traps thousands of cars

By Robin Young and Paul Wilkinson

WEATHER forecasters were blamed yesterday for disruption that paralysed much of northern England after unexpected heavy snow caught thousands of drivers on their way home from work and left at least four people dead.

Blizzards in the North coincided with extensive flooding in southern England, which forecasters said may get worse today.

An blanket of snow 14 inches deep in places began descending on Yorkshire and parts of Lancashire on Tuesday evening, 12 hours earlier than predicted. John Charlton, Sheffield council's assistant works director, said: "The weather forecast was wrong and the snow arrived at rush hour. The gritters went straight out but could not get round and ended up stuck in the traffic."

An AA spokesman in Leeds said: "The snow was not unexpected but the amount that fell was and it fell at a most crucial time. It turned everything into gridlock. People setting off at 6pm were either getting home at midnight or not at all."

The Meteorological Office admitted its prediction had been out but said: "The real problem was that the rain turned to snow at a much lower level than we had expected. We did issue a general warning for the North East at 10am on Wednesday and an urgent flash at 5.30pm."

The fatalities included Glyn Metcalfe, 50, an architect from Halifax, who collapsed and died after trying to help other drivers to move their cars. Gordon Smith, 60, was found in Halifax after collapsing in the street as he attempted to walk home. One motorist who abandoned his vehicle at Rawdon, near Leeds, was found lying in the road with his car keys clutched in his hand. A fourth victim was found at a roundabout near Morley, Leeds.

Thousands of abandoned cars and lorries clogged motorways and main roads. More than 5,000 drivers were estimated to have been stuck on the M62 overnight. The AA rescued a man and his seven-year-old daughter who had spent 12 hours stranded near Rishworth Moor. A baby, Kelly Marie Harland, was delivered by paramedics who walked a mile to reach a house in which her parents had taken shelter after their car was stranded on the 14-mile journey from Sicklinghall to Harrogate District Hospital.

JOHN HOULIHAN

Heavy snow forced many drivers to abandon their cars in Bradford, where 600 people spent the night in the cathedral after being stranded

Town halls and civic centres were opened to provide emergency overnight accommodation for stranded motorists. Bradford Cathedral was turned into an overnight camp for 600 stranded drivers. A class of 36 nine and ten-year-olds from Burtonwood Primary School, Warrington, spent the night with six members of staff at the Eureka children's museum, Halifax.

Gritters, rescue vehicles and emergency services worked through the night to reopen the motorway at 7am. West Yorkshire Police broadcast warnings yesterday that vehicles not recovered by 3pm would be towed away and their owners charged.

Further south many areas were disrupted by heavy rain. In Suffolk, Simon Edwards, 21, was rescued from a ditch in which floodwater was rising above his chest after he used a garden rake to reach a jacket containing his mobile telephone. The village of Peasmarsh was flooded for the second time in seven months. Don Sturmer, a sheep farmer, said the second flood had swept away repairs costing £28,000 which he had only just completed.

Mid Wales had almost 24 hours of non-stop rain. The Dovey Bridge carrying the A487 between mid and North Wales was blocked by deep floodwater at Machynlleth, Powys, and amber flood alerts were in force for the Dovey, the Wye and the Usk. Heavy rain across the Midlands brought flooding to scores of villages in Nottinghamshire. In Kent floodwaters were waist-high in some areas.

The London Weather Centre last night said there would be more blizzards on northern hills but after a frosty night it would be wet and windy today, becoming mild by evening. "The main weather hazard now is from rain and flooding," a spokesman said.

☐ Last year was the third or fourth warmest since records began in 1861, the Meteorological Office said yesterday.

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Audience stranded in a real winter's tale

LEEDS town hall became an emergency shelter on Wednesday night for an audience of 300 who had, appropriately, just finished watching the world premiere of *The Winter Guest*.

The play, directed by Alan Rickman, concerns a snowbound community. A spokesman for the threatre said: "The stars were stranded like everyone else, and they were wonderful in the way they mucked in."

Nichola McAuliffe, from the television sitcom *Surgical Spirit*, helped with the washing up and played West End hits on a piano until 3am. Prunella Scales, who played Sybil Fawlty in *Fawlty Towers*, served hot soup, and Emma Thompson's mother, Phyllida Law, helped to set up camp beds for the night. The spokesman said: "It was uncanny how people found that events outside exactly paralleled the show they had just been watching."

Prunella Scales: helped to serve hot soup

Man who strangled his wife is freed

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

A MAN aged 74 who strangled his alcoholic wife walked free from the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday in spite of the fact that he had killed her deliberately.

The court was told that David McLeish, from Glasgow, had "been through hell" at the hands of his 72-year-old wife Dorothy. The couple would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in three years' time.

McLeish was put on probation for three years after admitting culpable homicide. He had been charged with murder but the Crown accepted a plea to the reduced charge after hearing that he was suffering from the onset of senile dementia.

Lord Milligan told McLeish it was extremely rare for the perpetrator of an apparently deliberate killing not to receive a custodial sentence. He said the reason a jail sentence had not been imposed was because of his mental state at the time of the killing.

The court was told that Mrs McLeish had been an alcoholic since her husband retired as a newsagent 11 years ago and had been abusive and difficult throughout that period. She had been drinking on September 7 last year and had ordered her husband out of their two-bedroom flat. Her husband went into a bedroom to try and get some peace, but she followed him.

He grabbed her by the throat and told her: "I am going to murder you." Mrs McLeish returned to her chair in the living room. Soon after, her husband came into the room with a cord and strangled her. He then telephoned the police and confessed.

French say dealers smuggled key Tiffany vase to US

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

THE French are accusing a group of British dealers of smuggling an important Tiffany vase to New York, where it will be sold by Christie's today. The French National Museums, the umbrella organisation for the national collections, and French Customs are concerned that French law has been flouted.

The vase is a magnificent example of Japanesque metalwork with which Tiffany came to prominence at the Paris Exposition of 1878. Export licences are required for works of such importance.

A museums spokesman said that it was smuggled out not once but twice — from Paris to London, and then from London to New York. It is believed to have been purchased by a consortium of three dealers at a Paris auction house last May.

Under French law, introduced in 1992, there are 14 categories for works of art, from archaeological artefacts to paintings. Each has a minimum value over which an export licence is required. The minimum level for objets d'art such as the Tiffany vase is about 350,000 francs. The vase was bought for almost double that.

The French National Museums spokesman said: "This is far above the limit. There is no question that an object like this should not have left Europe without a licence. We just want French law to be honoured."

Olivier Duguet, inspector of the French Customs Investigations Service in Paris, explained that as the purchasers of the Tiffany vase had paid for it, and as the national museums did not wish to take the matter further, the case was closed. He called for auctioneers and galleries to take greater responsibility for informing buyers about export laws.

However, Michael Whiteway, a London dealer in 19th-century decorative arts, said: "This is a key piece, a moment in time, a moment in design history. I don't think Christie's should sell it. It encourages others to do the same. It's wrong to sell it." Jeanne Sloane, Christie's New York specialist in American silver, said that the buyers were not advised correctly: "The laws are complicated. Our understanding is that it was an innocent mistake." A Christie's spokeswoman added: "The Customs issues have been completely settled and so the sale can go ahead."

The Tiffany vase that is to be sold today

The vase is estimated to fetch between $150,000 and $250,000 at the New York sale.

Lecturer 'wanted to kill poisoner'

By Our Scotland Correspondent

A UNIVERSITY lecturer accused of attempting to murder his wife by lacing her gin and tonic with the drug atropine told police that he sometimes found his wife "alarming" and tried to avoid her by working late.

Paul Agutter said his wife Alexandria "sometimes has me tearing my hair". He told police he would like to kill the poisoner who tried to murder his wife. During a police interview, he broke down and wept, saying: "If I got hold of the blighter I would kill him on the spot."

Mr Agutter, 48, a biochemistry lecturer from Lothian, denies attempting to murder his wife and an 11 year old girl by giving them glasses of gin and tonic laced with atropine, a derivative of deadly nightshade. He also denies endangering the life of eight other people who drank spiked tonic water which he is alleged to have left on shelves in a Safeway supermarket.

The High Court in Edinburgh heard a taped interview with police in which Mr Agutter says that his wife was "hard working, highly intelligent and well-organised: I regard her very highly". He said he had told her about his lover Carole Bonsall, who was one of his students. He claimed she had invited him out for a drink as a thank-you for coaching her through examinations and told police he wanted to marry her.

He said his wife also had a lover but he did not think that was any of his business. He told police that although he had access to the poison at work, he had not used it in an experiment for three years.

The trial continues.

Director in court over fishing deaths

A COMPANY director appeared before magistrates yesterday accused of the manslaughter of six people after the fishing boat *Pescado* sank off Cornwall in 1991. Joseph O'Connor, 43, a director of Guideday, which owned the Plymouth-based scalloper, was bailed to reappear at court in Plymouth next month.

O'Connor, of Plymouth, was accused of the unlawful killing of five men and a woman between February 24, 1991, and March 9, 1991. They died when the 70ft vessel sank 15 miles off Falmouth. He also faced two charges of knowingly using forged documents relating to work on the *Pescado*'s engine.

O'Connor, Guideday and Alan Ayres, 55, an investor in Guideday, faced a further charge of sending the *Pescado* to sea in an unfit mechanical condition. It was also alleged that the boat did not have a sufficient number of qualified officers.

The company was not represented in court and the case was adjourned until Tuesday, February 28. Both men were granted unconditional bail. The charges followed an investigation by Devon and Cornwall Police, who brought in a salvage firm to raise the trawler in September 1993.

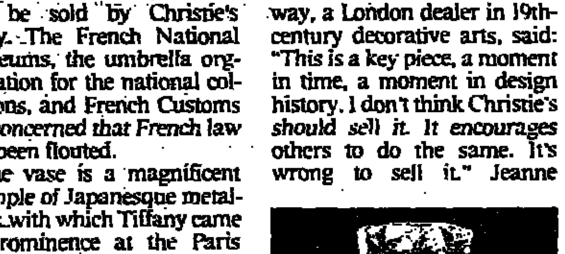
The crew members who died were the ship's cook Jo Ann Thomas, 23, from Plymouth; skipper Peter Birley, 32, from Fleetwod, Lancahire; first mate Neil Curry, 27, from the Outer Hebrides, who was Miss Thomas's fiancé; Steven Hardy, 30, from Plymouth; Sean Kelly, 17, from Brixham, Devon, and Adrian Flynn, 21, from Lincoln.

Getty marries his 'inspiration'

THE American philanthropist John Paul Getty II has married his longtime companion Victoria Holdsworth, a 43-year-old former model (Emma Wilkins writes). The couple, who have known each other for more than 15 years, were married in Barbados just after Christmas, Mr Getty's office said yesterday.

Ms Holdsworth, who once lived in a £7-a-week bedsit in Bromley, south London, is credited with helping Mr Getty, 62, to recover from a sucession of illnesses that afflicted him in the 1980s.

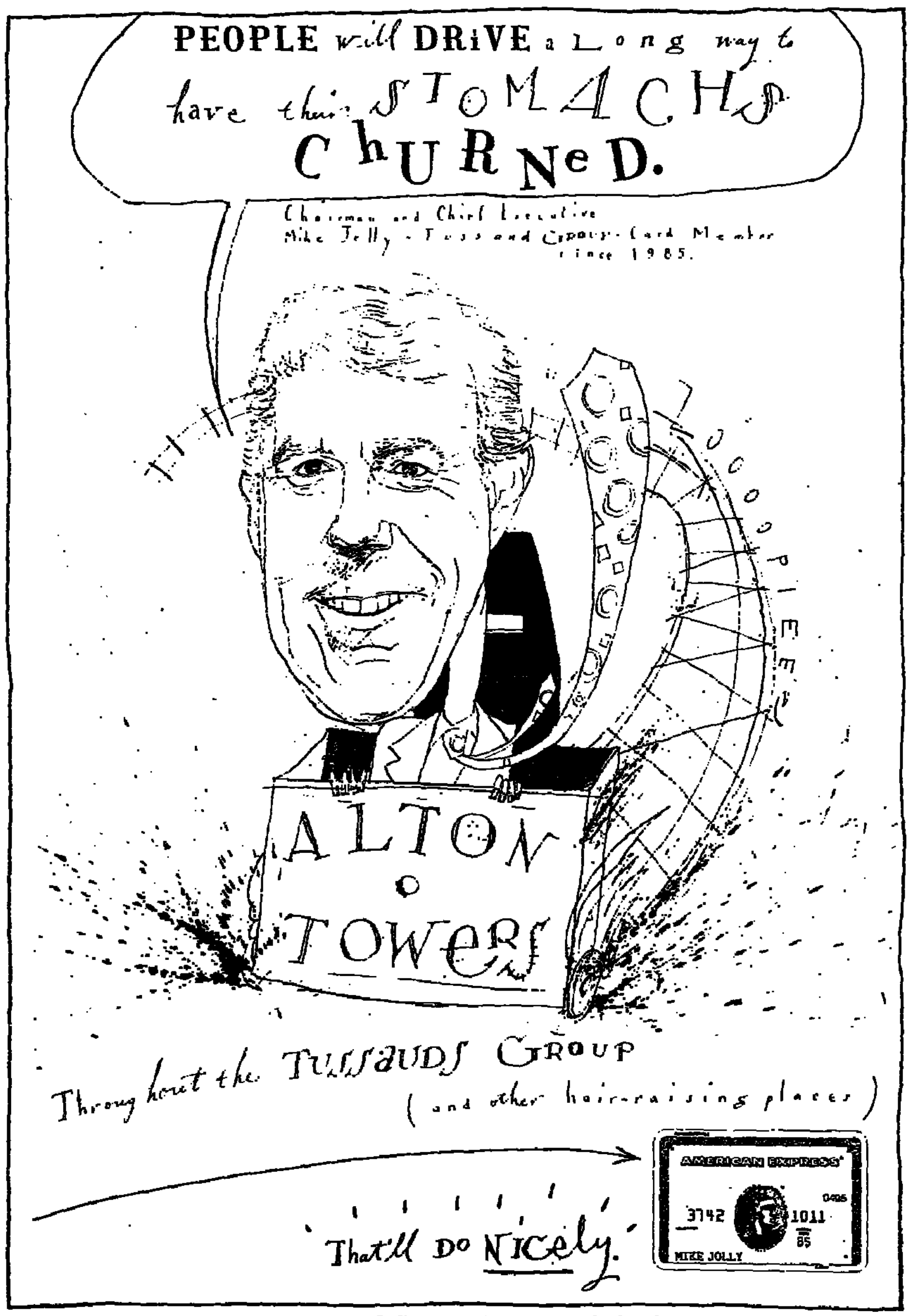
In a rare interview Mr Getty said that he owed his recovery from severe back injuries and phlebitis (inflammation of the walls of a vein) to the support of Ms Holdsworth.


Victoria Holdsworth and John Paul Getty II

"I owe everything to Victoria. She has been my inspiration." Mr Getty, whose beneficiaries include the National Gallery, Lord's cricket ground and the consortium of art galleries that fought to keep Canova's *Three Graces* in Britain, was virtually excluded from the will of his father, the oil magnate John Paul Getty senior. His wealth, estimated at £1,200 million, was inherited from his grandmother, Sarah Getty.

Ms Holdsworth, first met Mr Getty in Rome in the 1970s, began her modelling career as the SR toothpaste girl who dived out of a block of ice. She went on to model for Nivea.

The couple, who plan to live in Mayfair and at Wormsely Park, Mr Getty's 3,000-acre estate in Buckinghamshire, have each been married twice before. Ms Holdsworth has two sons aged 9 and 11.



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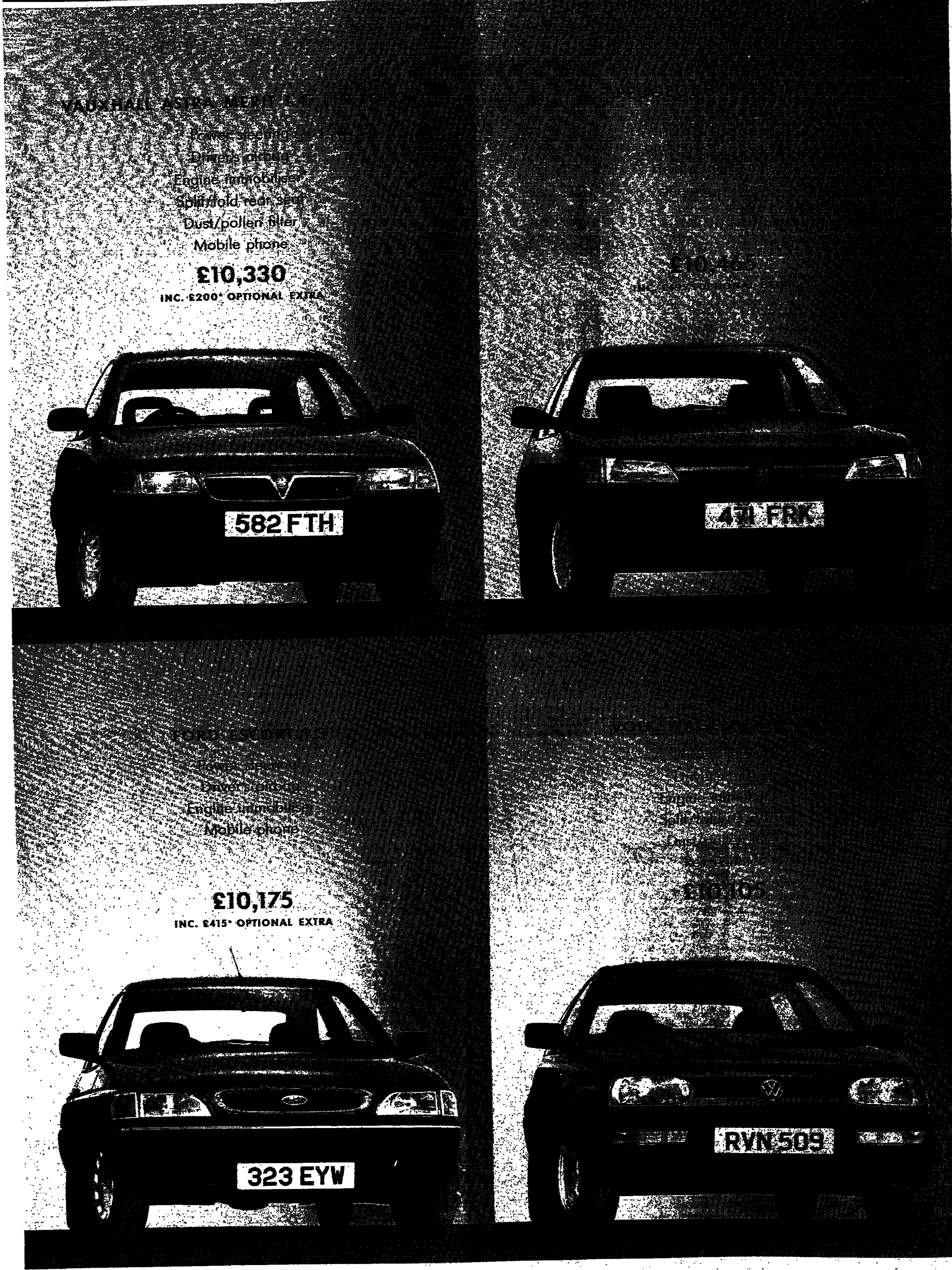

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Pupil threatened classmate with sawn-off shotgun

By Robin Young

A BOY took a sawn-off shotgun to school to ward off bullies, a court was told yesterday. The loaded gun was grabbed by a classmate and pointed at another pupil's head outside the Farlingaye High School in Woodbridge, Suffolk, magistrates were told.

No shots were fired and the gun was later confiscated by teachers but three pupils were warned yesterday by the chairman of the bench at Ipswich Youth Court that she was considering custodial sentences because their actions had been so dangerous.

Kate Stephenson, for the prosecution, said a 15-year-old boy had broken into his father's guncase to steal the gun and had used a hacksaw to shorten the barrels "because sixth formers had been picking on him and he thought the sight of the shotgun would frighten them off".

After school ended, he and two friends walked home with the gun, which was loaded with one cartridge. One of the boy's friends aimed it at the head of a fourth pupil and told him to run away, Miss Stephenson said.

The same friend then offered to buy the gun and kept it in his garden shed overnight before taking it back to school the next day. Teachers found the gun in his school locker after being tipped off by another pupil.

The boy who took his father's gun admitted illegally shortening the barrels. He and his two friends, also aged 15, admitted having the gun and ammunition without authority in a public place.

The case was adjourned for sentencing until March 1 but Mrs Hunt told the boys: "It would seem that the charges before us are so serious that only a sentence in custody will be justified.

"To take a gun into school with appropiate ammunition is a particularly dangerous thing. It appears that you were actually prepared to use the weapon as a threat."

The boy who first took the gun to school has been expelled. The two other accused boys were suspended but have since been allowed to return.

☐ Education officers have launched an inquiry after it was claimed that a six-year-old boy was attacked with a knife by a classmate in the school playground (Kathryn Knight writes).

Parents of the alleged victim complained to the headmistress of Hill View First School in Bournemouth, Dorset. They claim that their son was sent home with a cut on his chin after a classmate held a knife against his throat.

Terry House, chairman of the school governors, said an inquiry had begun but there was no evidence yet a knife had been brought in.

Teachers fearful over violence rise

By Ben Preston

TEACHING unions are increasingly alarmed at suggestions that the number of violent incidents at schools and assaults on staff is rising.

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said communities would have to take reponsibility to ensure schools did not become violent, fearful places. "We risk being drawn down a path that leads to teachers needing panic buttons." The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers said it was a matter of time before a teacher was killed. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary, said: "It is depressing that violent incidents are now commonplace in primary schools and even in nurseries."

The National Union of Teachers said schools required better security to protect pupils and staff, "but we do not want to take the American path of putting metal detectors at the front door."

Christian Lacroix, surrounded by his models, acknowledges a standing ovation after a triumphant show

A flamenco sheath with tiers of chantilly

Lacroix closes season in style

By A Staff Reporter

CHRISTIAN Lacroix's show in Paris yesterday brought this season's collections to an end with a bang. The designer, who came to fame in the mid-1980s, presented one of his most sensational collections. Typically, Lacroix combined the frivolous and the fabulous but with an unfamiliar restraint.

A shocking pink slip dress was covered with a shadow of black georgette. Faded floral prints and antique lace were favourites with the designer. After dark, Lacroix really shone, presenting outrageous *fin de siècle* ballgowns that emphasised hourglass figures.

But the highlight was a brilliant corsetted design in red, pink and orange satin, wrapped in a veil of scarlet tulle. At the end, Lacroix's appearance on the catwalk prompted a thunderous ovation. It was the ultimate grand finale to this season's haute couture shows.

A satin bridal gown with draped bustier

Doctors claim they took the blame for Allitt

By Bill Frost

TWO senior doctors who were dismissed after the conviction of Beverly Allitt, the nurse who murdered four children in her care, were made scapegoats in the aftermath of the affair, it was claimed yesterday.

Dr Frederick Porter and Dr Charithananda Nanayakkara, both consultant paediatricians, were in charge of the special care baby unit at Grantham Hospital, Lincolnshire, where Allitt worked. They are appealing against Trent Regional Health Authority's decision to dismiss them on June 30, 1993, after the unit was closed.

However, Allitt's crimes while under their charge were not the official reason given by the authority for making the pair redundant, an appeal committee of the Department of Health was told. The committee, which will advise the department whether to reinstate or compensate the two doctors, was told that a nursing sister taken on to the ward one month after Allitt's arrest prepared a critical report on the doctors' administration of drugs, hygiene and overall patient care.

John Hendy, QC, representing the two, said that his clients had been given no chance to defend themselves against the allegations. "They feel that they have been made scapegoats for what happened in the hospital in relation to Nurse Allitt. They were the consultant paediatricians in charge of Ward 4 where the Allitt tragedies occurred, but nobody has ever suggested they are responsible for these murders. There has never been any independent inquiry to judge whether these criticisms were justified or not."

The hearing continues.

Grammar schools fill best City posts

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

GRAMMAR schools have overtaken independents as the main training ground for the chief executives of Britain's top companies, according to City research published yesterday.

A survey of the leading 300 firms listed by *The Director* magazine found that 52 per cent of chief executives attended grammar schools, compared with 28 per cent who were educated in the independent sector.

Only 5 per cent had been to comprehensives or secondary moderns.

☐ *Survey of the top 300 companies.* Robin Russell and Partners (25 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7AD; £15)

Primary teaching methods criticised

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

PRIMARY schools must abandon their hostility towards tried and tested teaching methods and give more lessons to whole classes, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector said last night.

Christopher Woodhead criticised the widespread insistence that children should work in groups on different activities at their own speed. He said there was clear evidence that it was easier for teachers to explain new material and challenge and stimulate pupils if they taught whole classes.

Mr Woodhead, as disclosed in *The Times* on Monday, urged the profession to open its mind to change. He told the first Office for Standards in Education annual lecture that teachers should stop taking "refuge in ideological certainties" in response to Government reforms. Mr Woodhead said ways had to be found to make the professional culture "more open-minded, more sceptical of the received wisdom, less eager to take refuge in simplistic and untenable dichotomies".

He appealed for renewed emphasis on formal instruction with specialist teachers imparting knowledge and facts rather than hoping children picked up skills after being encouraged to learn for themselves.

Mr Woodhead said the purpose of education was to provide young people with the skills that would be needed in adult working life, a training in morality and taste. He questioned whether the third aim of ensuring that young children studied the "best of what has been thought and said" was secure.

Women accuse Army of sex bias in redundancy pay-offs

By A Staff Reporter

THREE servicewomen who took voluntary redundancy from the Army last year were paid less compensation than their male counterparts, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. Inga Thompson, 27, Catherine Hollingworth, 27, and Christine Dickinson, who each served in the Army for more than eight years, are claiming compensation totalling nearly £20,000.

The three, who accepted voluntary redundancy last year under the Options For Change cuts, say they received £6,000 less than men with the same ranks and length of service.

The Ministry of Defence could face a total bill for £300,000 if it loses. The Equal Opportunities Commission said it believed 50 other former servicewomen could make similar claims.

Dinah Rose, representing the women, told the tribunal in Southampton that they were allowed to sign up only for three-year contracts when they joined the Army. Men who enlisted at the same time could sign up for nine years, putting them on higher pay and pension scales. Miss Rose said: "The women were employed on different terms to the men and as a result they received lower redundancy payments purely on the basis of their sex."

Mrs Thompson, of Aldershot, and Miss Hollingworth, of Newbury, reached the rank of lance corporal. Mrs Dickinson, of Aldershot, was a corporal. The hearing was adjourned for a date to be set for the full tribunal.

Spy who never was is no longer here

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

A RUSSIAN reported to be an intelligence officer seeking to defect to Britain has left the country. The Foreign Office insisted that he was not a spy but an "official" from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The Foreign Office and security sources dismissed reports that Firzet Djabozov, 34, was a colonel in the GRU, the Russian military intelligence service. He was said to have been born in Azerbaijan.

The Foreign Office said: "A man of this name claiming to be an official from the International Committee of the Red Cross arrived in the United Kingdom over the weekend without a visa seeking medical treatment and was questioned by the authorities. He made no request for asylum. He has since left the country." Russia's foreign intelligence service said nothing was known about the reported defection of a senior military officer.

The ICRC in Geneva said it had a 34-year-old Russian employee called Fikret Jabarov who had been taken on in Azerbaijan but he left at the end of last month.

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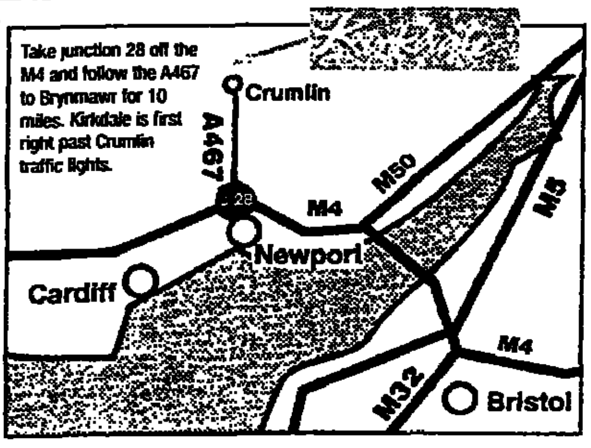
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RAF top brass stay away from Dresden event

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE RAF's most senior officers are to stay away from next month's ceremonies marking the fiftieth anniversary of the bombing of Dresden because of the sensitivity of the event.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, will not be attending the anniversary. The British military will be represented by Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff. The Duke of Kent will represent the Queen. The Ministry of Defence said: "It was not thought that the light blue uniform would be a good idea in the circumstances."

The RAF fears that the fiftieth anniversary of the bombing raids on the German city could provoke new criticism of the operation. However, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham, president of the Bomber Command Association, said: "Although it is utterly outrageous, we have suffered these attacks for so long we are just about immune to them."

RAF officers are also concerned that the RAF's involvement in the Dresden bombing has been exaggerated over the years. Data collated by the Air Historical Branch from original sources show that the choice of Dresden was made by the Allied joint chiefs of staff rather than by Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris, chief of Bomber Command, as so often claimed. A total of 796 Lancasters and nine Mosquitos dropped 1,478 tons of high explosive and 1,182 tons of incendiary bombs on February 13, 1945, creating a firestorm that destroyed the city. However, RAF sources said it was often forgotten that there was only one RAF strike, which was then followed by three raids by the US Air Force.

Although some post-war estimates put the number of deaths at 30,000 to 200,000, contemporary and official German records quoted 18,375 dead and 2,212 seriously injured with the final death-toll expected to reach 25,000. Much has been made about the timing of the attack as the end of the war was in sight. However, MoD officials said the Allies had not yet crossed the Rhine and the Germans were still fighting tenaciously. Almost 500 V2 rockets also fell on Britain in February and March 1945.

In a letter dated March 29, 1945, Sir Arthur Harris said Dresden was a mass of munition works, an intact government centre and a key transportation point to the East. "It is now none of those things," he wrote. He said attacks on cities were intolerable unless strategically justified. But he insisted they were justified because they shortened the war and preserved the lives of Allied soldiers.

Sir Michael Beetham said: "It may sound cynical but Dresden was just another target. It was a devastating blow to German morale and contributed to Hitler's defeat."

Sgt Allan Kennedy with the Spas shotgun

Police put deadly haul on display

NORTHUMBRIA police have declared a four-week weapons amnesty, the first in seven years, after officers in one of the force's 19 divisions recovered 120 shotguns, rifles and revolvers, and 25 knives in the past three weeks.

The most deadly item seized was an Italian Spas 12-bore semi-automatic shotgun, which can fire up to six rounds without reloading. It was designed for military use and cannot be held with a civilian licence because of the magazine capacity.

Northumbria chiefs put the array on display yesterday to encourage people to surrender their illegal weapons. Nearly 900 firearms and 57,000 rounds of ammunition were handed over and destroyed seven years ago.

Assistant chief constable Alan Oliver said: "There is an illegal arms trade operating and we are working hard to smash it but too many guns fall into the hands of criminals during the course of burglaries."

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Stamp dealer fined £30,000 for ten-year international fraud

By Andrew Pierce

ONE of Britain's leading stamp dealers was fined £30,000 yesterday for masterminding an international fraud operation. Alan Wilson was given an 18-month jail sentence, suspended for two years, for tampering with stamps to enhance their value, Luton Crown Court was told.

His sense of guilt eventually led him to confess his crime to police. Some of his forgeries, committed over a period of ten years, have become collectors' items.

Judge Rodwell, passing sentence, said: "You set yourself up as a stamp dealer and were doing perfectly well in that occupation when you decided to forge stamps and thereby increase their value tremendously. Being able to forge, you were able to enhance your position as a collector and dealer. Your legitimate trade grew as a result of your dishonest forgeries. It seems to me your motivation was arrogance."

Wilson co-operated with the police in tracking down all his forgeries and has compensated all his victims. Some took stamps from him rather than cash, such was their trust in the man whose dishonesty, the court was told, shocked the world of philately.

Wilson, 36, a bachelor, began stamp collecting after graduating from Warwick University with a degree in economics. He appeared for sentence yesterday after pleading guilty last week to four charges of obtaining money by deception. He asked for 86 offences of forgery and deception to be taken into account.

Ebraham Mooncey, for the prosecution, said that the case was "one of the major stamp frauds of modern times". He said that Wilson had breached the trust placed in him by "countless people in this country and worldwide".

Wilson, a noted authority on Machin stamps, the modern type bearing the Queen's head, ran his business from his flat in Luton. The court was told that he used a number of techniques to make ordinary stamps appear rarer, such as dyeing some and changing the gum or the surface finish on others to make them appear part of a limited, trial print run.

He also transposed the stamps in everyday red booklets so that the covers did not match the contents, making them imperfect and more valuable. One booklet showed ten first class stamps on the cover but contained four 19p stamps and was sold for £1,250. Simplest of all was to dip stamps in a weak solution of ink to give them a blue effect and enhance their value.

Ann Cotcher, for the defence, said: "His career and reputation are in tatters. This was not done to make himself a millionaire. He never touched a penny of the money and has repaid everyone. He felt the need to unburden himself and gave every assistance to the police."

At the hearing last week, the defence said that Wilson had tried to take his life. After yesterday's hearing, Wilson said: "I want to put it all behind me. It was an unfortunate incident."

Bread goes multinational

By Emma Murray

WEEKEND SHOPPING

THE range of bread in shops is widening week by week, with Irish soda, Italian ciabbatta and Russian rye jostling for space with sliced white.

Marks and Spencer has a sunflower and honey loaf at 89p. Safeway a Swiss-style wholegrain at 79p and Irish soda at 95p for a 475gm loaf. Tesco a granary malted loaf at 74p. A speciality bread such as sourdough Innes can be bought at Neale's Yard in London at about £2 for half a loaf. Harrods has a yeast-free Poilame loaf, imported from France, at £8.

There is plenty of white fish on the slab at the moment, with cod and haddock fillets at about £3 a lb. Advertised best buys include:

Asda: shin stewing steak, £1.49 a lb; kipper fillet, 95p a lb; broccoli, 39p a lb.

Budgens: white potatoes, 79p for 2kg; fresh beef minced steak £1.59 a lb.

Harrods: English oysters, £1 each; baby Cotherstone cheese £9.30 each; baby Appleby Cheshire, cheese £12.60 each.

Iceland: Bowyer's half-fat sausages, £1.79 for 20; grade A chicken, £1.39 each; apple or cherry pies 74p each.

M & S: sweetcure gammon steaks, £2.99 for 6; baby cherry tomatoes, 99p a pack; large custard tart, 99p.

Safeway: yoghurt selection, £2.09 for 12; mature reduced fat cheese, £1.69 a lb; clementines, 49p a lb; large honeydew melons, £1.19.

Sainsbury: parsnips, 45p a lb; kiwifruit, 10p each; Irish mature cheddar £1.95, 11oz pack; fresh orange juice, £1.59 a litre.

Somerfield: haddock fillet, £1.68 a lb; choice of dips, £1.49 for 4;; English mild white cheddar, 97p a lb.

Tesco: sirloin steak, £3.99 a lb; boneless leg of pork, £1.09 a lb; whole mackerel, 69p a lb; 4oz roast ham, 99p.

Waitrose: pork and apple sausages, £1.89 a lb; Cox apples, 99p for 1.25kg; Chinese stir-fry, 99p for 325g.

JAMES MORGAN

Josie Lawrence will play Helen of Troy and Katherine in *The Taming of the Shrew*

Curtain up on 6½-hour epic

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A 6½-HOUR staging of Goethe's *Faust* will be among ten productions in the Royal Shakespeare Company's forthcoming season. It will be directed by Michael Bogdanov and adapted by Howard Brenton, who is renowned for his versions of German classical plays.

The programme for the 1995-96 season was announced yesterday by Adrian Noble, artistic director of the RSC, who described it as one of the company's most exciting. It will include a production of William Golding's *Lord of the Flies* involving the community in Stratford upon Avon and there will be a 20-week run at the Young Vic. It means the RSC will be operating six theatres nationwide.

Josie Lawrence will appear as Helen of Troy. She will also appear in *The Taming of the Shrew*, with which Gayle Edwards, the Australian director praised for her West End production of *St Joan*, will make her debut with the company.

Sir Peter Hall, founder-director of the RSC, is returning to the stage of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford with his first production of *Julius Caesar*. The cast will include John Nettles as Brutus and Christopher Benjamin in the title role.

Drama from this century will include a new production of John Osborne's *A Patriot For Me*, a portrayal of homosexuality banned in the 1960s by the Lord Chamberlain.

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Methodist seeks new links with Church of England

By Robin Barnwell

THE most senior figure in the Methodist Church has called on the Church of England to take the lead in bringing about unity between the two Churches.

The Rev Leslie Griffiths, President of the Methodist Conference, says in an article in this week's *Methodist Recorder*: "I believe that the Church of England has a key role to play. They must take a strong lead. They must make a generous offer. It's going to be an act of grace that cracks this one."

Talks between the two Churches, on possible renewed moves towards unity, are due to begin in March. Senior Methodist and Anglican churchmen are due to discuss the resolution passed by the General Purpose Committee of the Methodist Conference in March 1994. This calls for the Churches to consider whether they share a common goal of possible unity.

The Right Rev David Tustin, Bishop of Grimsby and Chairman of the Council for Christian Unity, who will lead the Anglican delegation at the talks in Hengrave Hall, Suffolk, said: "We are responding to the initiative that the Methodists addressed to us and which we have welcomed."

Efforts to unite the two churches were frustrated in 1969 when, after the Methodists had agreed to join, the Church Assembly of the Church of England narrowly failed to achieve the three-quarters majority vote needed to effect a union. Two other attempts in 1972 and 1984 also failed.

The Methodists are hoping that new common ground between the two Churches, particularly over women priests and strengthening grass-roots support, seen in the growing number of local ecumenical projects, will create a foundation for renewed talks.

Parents to sue over canoeing tragedy

The parents of the four teenagers who died in the Lyme Bay tragedy are to sue for compensation from the company responsible.

The families of Rachel Walker, Simon Dunne and Claire Langley, all 16, and Dean Sayer, 17, are claiming against Active Learning and Leisure Ltd who were found guilty of corporate manslaughter in December. The company has stopped trading.

Coroner's plea

An inquest into the death of Rikki Neave, 6, was opened and adjourned in Peterborough. Gordon Ryall, the coroner, urged the public to help police to catch the boy's killer.

Sex case priest

Father Daniel John Curran, 44, of Ballymena, Co Antrim, who is accused of 18 sex offences against young boys, was remanded on bail by Downpatrick magistrates.

Student dies

Christopher Squires, 21, a student at Hallam University, Sheffield, died after stabbing himself through the heart in front of his girlfriend after an argument, it was disclosed.

Out of time

Ian Horwood, accused of having 192 birds' eggs, walked free after Beaconsfield magistrates were told the case was outside the six-month time limit for summary offences.

Navy enlists sub

The Royal Navy has accepted its second Trident ballistic missile submarine, *HMS Victorious*. The 16,000-tonne vessel will become operational at the end of the year.

Swan shot dead

A swan has died after being shot through the eye and skull with a airgun. The cob lived with its mate at Ninesprings wildlife sanctuary in Yeovil, Somerset.

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Nurse who removed appendix keeps job and praises surgeon

By Jeremy Laurance, health services correspondent

THE HOSPITAL nurse who removed a patient's appendix in an operation for which she had no formal training is to keep her job. At a news conference yesterday after the announcement she praised the surgeon involved but refused to say why she used a scalpel in breach of guidelines.

Valerie Tomlinson, 53, a theatre sister, was given a final written warning by the Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust after a disciplinary hearing last week. The case sparked a national debate about the capacity of nurses to take over functions traditionally restricted to doctors.

The trust said she had carried out three elements of the operation at Treliske Hospital in Truro, Cornwall. She made the first incision in the patient and, after the appendix was located and prepared by Tahir Bhatti, the surgeon, she cut it off. Mr Bhatti completed the operation and Mrs Tomlinson closed the wound.

Brian Milstead, chief executive of the trust, said Mr Bhatti was fully responsible for the operation, performed on December 19, and carried out the most difficult elements of it. He closely supervised Mrs Tomlinson, who was acting as his first assistant. However, an investigation had disclosed that she had breached guidelines of the National Association of Theatre Nurses. The male patient had been told about what happened and had not complained, he said.

Mrs Tomlinson is to be relieved of her theatre duties while having retraining. She will be assessed before returning to her post. Disciplinary action against Mr Bhatti, who remains on paid leave, will be decided by the South and West Regional Health Authority.

Mr Milstead said Mrs Tomlinson had been in theatre on many occasions and had seen many hundreds of such operations. She felt confident in what she was doing and that Mr Bhatti was in control.

Afterwards, Mrs Tomlinson, a nurse for more than 30 years, said she was "very relieved at what I think is a fair decision". She had received letters and telephone calls of support from across the country and abroad, she said. What happened in the operating theatre took place "as a result of mutual trust and understanding" between her and Mr Bhatti. "He is a very pleasant person and a very competent surgeon," she added.

The Royal College of Nursing said it was delighted with the outcome. A spokeswoman said the case had sparked a valuable debate about the future of nursing. "You can train anyone to do any single task better than someone who only does it occasionally. The mistake was that they pushed back the boundaries in an ad hoc way," she said.

Professor Sir Norman Browse, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, said operations should not be carried out by staff lacking the proper training and qualifications.

He told BBC Radio 4 that though there were procedures that theatre nurses could perform to assist a surgeon during an operation, the doctor should always be in control.

TIM CUFF

Mrs Tomlinson after the announcement yesterday that she is to keep her job

Three-year gap in checks for breast cancer 'too long'

By Our Health Services Correspondent

WOMEN are not being protected against breast cancer by the national breast screening programme because the three-year gap between X-ray examinations is too long, researchers say.

So many are developing cancer in the three-year interval that the number detected at the second screen is almost the same as if the women had never been screened.

Researchers from Manchester who studied 137,000 women screened in the north-western region found almost 300 who developed cancer before their second appointment. This number can be reduced only by increasing the sensitivity of screening and reducing the interval from three to two years, they say in the *British Medical Journal*.

In an apparent effort to deflect criticism of the screening programme, which was thought to be a success, the Health Department issued new guidelines last week requiring all women to be given two X-rays of each breast from different angles, instead of one, to improve detection rates. The recommendation is based on results of an unpublished trial of 40,000 women and which are expected to appear in the *BMJ* later this year.

The *BMJ* says that two-view screening should increase by 20 per cent the number of women detected with breast cancer but screening at two years would detect between 40 and 50 per cent more cancers than at three years. However, Britain has too few radiologists to implement two-year screening.

However, an article in the *Lancet* says that extra resources for detecting breast cancer would be better spent on encouraging women with minor breast symptoms to seek an examination as soon as possible. Fast growing, aggressive cancers need to be treated when they are as small as possible and it is unlikely that screening could be offered often enough to detect them at this early stage.

The *Lancet* says women with new symptoms affecting one breast such as discomfort, skin dimples or nipple changes should have speedy access to specialist facilities for investigation rather than the typical lengthy wait for referral.

Acid gas 'damaging lungs of infants'

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

LOW levels of sulphur dioxide, an airborne pollutant from power stations and diesel fumes, can trigger shortness of breath and other breathing difficulties in infants, scientists have found.

The extent of the damage, which in many cases lasts well into childhood, can be directly linked to the levels of sulphur pollution during the child's first three years, the researchers say in *The Lancet*.

Scientists have known that very high concentrations of the acid gas can trigger bronchitis and tightening of the lungs. The new findings indicate that continuous exposure to low levels is also highly damaging in young, sensitive lungs. The scientists speculate that the pollutants may also affect lung growth.

The research on lung impairment comes from a Norwegian team that has compared the lung functions of 529 Norwegian children aged seven to thirteen living near a sulphur dioxide-emitting aluminium smelter and in a rural valley. Their findings have significant implications for infants in most British cities because the concentrations able to cause harm were similar to those found here.

Halt to casualty closures urged

By A Staff Reporter

LABOUR yesterday called for the closure of accident and emergency departments to be halted amid fears that patients will face heavy delays at other hospitals. Margaret Beckett, Shadow Health Secretary, spoke out on the eve of the closure of St Bartholomew's casualty department in the City of London.

Doctors and ambulance crews joined a day of protest with prayers and a wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of Rahere, who founded the hospital in 1123, in St Bartholomew The Great Church, West Smithfield.

Bart's will shut this evening and re-open on Monday as a minor injuries unit staffed by nurses. Emergencies will be taken to surrounding hospitals such as Homerton, the Royal London and University College.

Last week Homerton was so overwhelmed with cases that it was forced to close its unit for a few hours. Mrs Beckett said: "The casualty unit at Bart's has not closed yet but there have already been serious problems.

"We are calling for a moratorium on this closure and other closures until there has been a thorough review of healthcare needs in the capital. There are so many questions now on the basis on which these decisions were made. We are calling upon them to think again before it is too late." Mrs Beckett met representatives of patients and staff at the casualty department, where emergency admissions were halted a fortnight ago. Staff were still treating emergencies referred to them by GPs and people who called in.

Later there was a candlelight procession from the hospital to nearby St Paul's Cathedral. An all-night vigil was planned outside the hospital.

The closure is part of the gradual rundown of Bart's up to the turn of the century, announced three years ago after the Tomlinson report on healthcare in London.

Stephen Miles, accident and emergency consultant at Bart's, said patients would be better off at the other hospitals. "Barts has been a very well-loved local facility but the alternative will almost certainly be better." Mr Miles said there would not be any significant delay in getting emergencies through the City to other units and less urgent GP referrals would be delayed by only minutes.

Bart's will have only a minor injuries unit

Female and male brains differ, say researchers

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

THE brains of men and women function in subtly different ways, an American study suggests.

By measuring the rate at which different parts of the brain burn glucose, a team from the University of Pennsylvania has concluded that men tend to be better at tasks requiring dexterity and good perception of space, while women are better at some verbal tasks and in those involving emotional judgment.

Researchers measured glucose metabolism in the brains of 37 men and 24 women as they rested. They found that in general similarities between men and women were greater than differences. But men showed a higher metabolic rate in the temporal limbic system of the brain, and women in a region called the cingulate gyrus.

These differences could be related to the ways the two genders deal with emotions, the team suggests in *Science* magazine. Men are inclined to express emotion by action, while women are more likely to put it into words.

Further research is planned on volunteers as they perform psychological tests.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, chess correspondent

Bridging games

Although Bridge is a popular relaxation for chess players, few chess masters have turned their hand to bridge in any serious capacity. One exception is the former British chess champion Grandmaster Jonathan Mestel, who has also achieved great distinction in British bridge trophies. Another was the world chess champion Dr Emanuel Lasker. In his biography it says: "All through the second half of the 1920s and the first three years of the 1930s Lasker took a greater interest than ever in bridge, for not only did he write a fairly profound book on that game, but he also raised his own prowess to a standard sufficient to make him eligible as the leader of the German team at the Bridge Olympics."

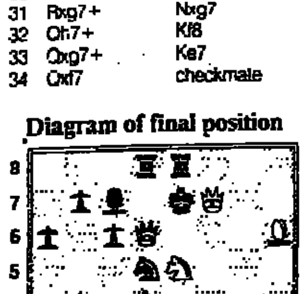
One prominent player in the current Macallan bridge pairs is Michael Rosenberg. He started his mind sports career as a chess international representing Scotland. In the bridge tournament he partners Seymon Deutsch, and now represents America. Here is a game Rosenberg won while playing international chess for Scotland in 1960.

White: Rosenberg (Scotland)
Black: Szczesny (Belgium)
Dresden Students Olympiad

Petroff Defence

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nf6
3	Nxe5	d5
4	Nf3	Nxe4
5	d4	d5
6	Bd3	Nc6
7	0-0	Be7
8	h3	0-0
9	c4	Be6
10	cxd5	Bxd5
11	Nc3	Nf6
12	Nxd5	Qxd5
13	Bc2	Rad8
14	Be3	Bb4
15	a3	Ba5
16	Qd3	Bb6
17	Rad1	Qh5
18	b4	a6
19	Bb3	Nd5
20	Kh2	Qg6
21	Qc4	Qd6+
22	Kh1	h6
23	Ne5	Nce7
24	Qd3	c6
25	g4	Bc7
26	Bc2	Nf6
27	g5	hxg5
28	Bxg5	Ned5
29	Rg1	Rfe8
30	Bh6	Nh5
31	Rxg7+	Nxg7
32	Qh7+	Kf8
33	Qxg7+	Ke7
34	Qxf7	checkmate

Diagram of final position



Wijk aan Zee

In the final of the international knockout tournament at Wijk aan Zee, Holland, Alexei Dreev won his first game against Evgeny Bareev.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer West **Love all. IMPs**

North:
♠A 3
♥K 7
♦6
♣A Q J 8 7 6 5 2

West:
♠K J 2
♥A J
♦A Q 4 2
♣10 9 4 3

East:
♠10 8 7 4
♥Q 10 9 6
♦K J 9 7
♣K

South:
♠Q 9 6 5
♥8 5 4 3 2
♦10 8 5 3
♣—

W	N	E	S
Hamman	Robson	Wolff	Forrester
1NT	Dble	Redble	2♦
Dble	3♣	3NT	All pass

Contract: 3NT by West. What should North lead?

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This is a hand from the Macallan tournament. The final session starts today at noon.

Hamman opened a strong No Trump which Robson doubled. East's redouble left Forrester with an unenviable choice. One course of action would have been to bid Two Clubs. Then when that draws the almost inevitable double, you can continue with an SOS redouble, thus optimising your choice of finding a two-level fit. On this deal, bidding Two Clubs might well have led to Forrester playing that contract redoubled, and making an over-trick.

In practice, Forrester decided to start with one of his suits, and now East had an awkward decision over North's Three Club bid. His actual choice of 3NT did not work out well — Robson, after fingering the queen of clubs, led the ace and cleared the suit. He was subsequently forced to discard two club winners on the run of the diamonds to keep the king of hearts guarded, so the contract went two off.

When I asked Robson why he had considered leading the queen of clubs (which would have given the declarer a second club stopper), he said it was so Hamman might be fooled about his club length. Hamman's comment was that on this particular occasion he would have been able "to figure it out".

☐ Scores after the first seven rounds of the Macallan pairs: 1 Meckstroth and Rodwell (US) 291 points; 2 Szwarc and Bompis (France) 273 points; 3 Chemla and Mari (France) 268; 4 Balicki and Zmudzinski (Poland) 249; 5 Forrester and Robson (GB) 221; 6 Levin and Kasle (US) 218.

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British were slow to comprehend horror that was Auschwitz

By John Young

ON APRIL 16, 1947, *The Times* carried a single paragraph agency report from Warsaw which stated: "Rudolf Hoess was hanged today in the grounds of the Auschwitz extermination camp. He had been sentenced for the mass murder of 4,000,000 *prisoners in the camp.*"

The estimate has since been revised to 1.3 million, but in any event, the scale of Nazi genocide was barely recognised in Britain at that time. Unlike the people of occupied Europe, the British had not seen their fellow citizens forced from their homes, never to return. The war had brought them grief and suffering, but nothing of this nature. They were aware of German *atrocities, symbolised for* most by Josef Kramer, the Beast of Belsen, the most notorious of the camps captured by British troops. The war crimes trials, and the execution of those of Hitler's lieutenants who had not taken their *own* lives, *had already* happened. Auschwitz was in a faraway country, now under Soviet occupation.

There were those who knew the full truth. In June 1944 details of the massacres had been given to the British and American governments from messages sent to Switzerland by four Jews who had escaped from Auschwitz. They appealed to the Allies to bomb the *railway lines leading to the camp.*

Churchill thought something should be done, but the Air Ministry demurred, arguing that the lives of British airmen should not be risked "for no purpose". Less than a month later Churchill *told* Anthony Eden, his Foreign Secretary: "This is probably the greatest and most horrible crime ever committed in the whole history of the world."

But still nothing was done until January 27, 1945, when shocked Soviet troops entered the compound. If the world needed to be reminded — or convinced — of the enormity of the crime, the trial 16 years later of Adolf Eichmann, the architect of the "final solution", who had been captured by Israeli agents in Buenos Aires, revealed the full horror.

Auschwitz was originally intended to be a labour camp for Polish prisoners, the first of whom arrived in June 1940. Hoess, the commandant, was later described as ordinary and industrious, even mild-mannered, but he had recruited 30 former convicts with a history of violence as his senior camp guards.

It was not until June 1942 that the first Jews were selected for the gas chambers but then the killing accelerated. In September that year, 14,000 French, 6,000 Dutch and 5,000 Jews were sent to Auschwitz, which was by then the focal point of Eichmann's scheme.

In May 1943 Josef Mengele, an SS captain, was appointed camp "doctor" and in the months that followed he proceeded with his notorious programme of medical experiments on prisoners. Meanwhile, Auschwitz had become by far the largest centre for deported Jews from all over Europe, including France, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Czechoslovakia and, of course, Germany and Poland.

The Allied invasion of Europe did nothing to stop the killings. On D-Day itself, 200 Jews were rounded up and deported from the island of Corfu. It was not until the end of October that the gas chambers were finally closed and the Nazis began to demolish them to try to conceal their guilt.

They were too late. When the Red Army arrived, ten days after the camp was evacuated, they found more than 7,000 starving, skeletal survivors, 648 corpses and six of the original 35 warehouses containing 836,255 women's dresses, 348,000 men's suits, 38,000 pairs of men's shoes, heaps of children's clothing and uncounted quantities of suitcases, spectacles, shaving brushes and false teeth.

Hoess: commandant hanged in own camp

Liberator tells of Stalin cover-up over death camps

THE commander of the Soviet troops who entered Auschwitz 50 years ago today said yesterday that the truth about Nazi atrocities had been largely concealed from his own people, possibly because of anti-semitism by Stalin and other Communist party leaders (John Young writes).

Lieutenant General Vasily Petrenko said that, like other senior soldiers, he was aware of brutalities committed by German troops and civilians. But the Soviet media, under strict party control, had been guilty of a cover-up.

This week the general, who as a 33-year-old colonel led the 107th infantry division into Auschwitz, is in London as the guest of the Yad Vashem Charitable Trust. He will address a meeting on Sunday. The Soviet government had been happy to publicise the atrocities committed by the German armed forces against civilians, he said. An estimated 500,000 Jews served in the Red Army and they, like the rest of the population, had been told of the extermination of whole communities in France, Italy, Czechoslovakia and Belorussia.

He also knew, from his own experiences at Kiev and in Silesia, that the Germans had "grossly violated" the Geneva Convention in their treatment of prisoners-of-war. "But nothing had prepared us for what we saw at Auschwitz. The Nazis had used industrial methods to annihilate human beings. As well as the gas ovens and the crematoria, we also saw and heard how people had been killed by *medical experiments.*

"After Auschwitz I ceased to regard the German army as soldiers in the accepted sense of the word but saw them as an organised gang of criminals. I will stick to that opinion for ever. I cannot understand how a civilised nation like Germany, which has produced outstanding scientists, philosophers and artists, could also have produced armed units which acted like criminals."

Lt Gen Petrenko said he personally had been free to talk about what he had seen and had suffered no recriminations for doing so. But even after the war, when the hearings of the Nuremburg trials were published, Stalin did not want his people to know about the full horrors of the camps.

"There was some anti-semitism in the Soviet Union and I am sure it had unfortunate consequences," Lt Gen Petrenko said. "I can't say for certain that Stalin and his immediate entourage prohibited coverage of the worst atrocities but it is a fact that the press and radio gave them little attention, and maybe anti-semitism played a role."

Despite his condemnation of Stalin's death camps, the gulags, Lt Gen Petrenko does not believe they could be compared to those of the Nazis. The gulags were symbols of the class struggle within his country, he said, "but Hitler used concentration camps as a means of waging war on other nations".

"He was determined on the extermination of the Jewish people completely and he also wished to annihilate others whom he considered inferior, Slavs and gypsies. That was further than Stalin was prepared to go."

☐ *Sunday's meeting will be at 3pm at the Logan Hall, Bedford Way, London WC1. Other speakers include Lord Bullock, the historian, and Anita Lasker-Wallfisch and Rabbi Hugo Gryn, two Auschwitz survivors.*

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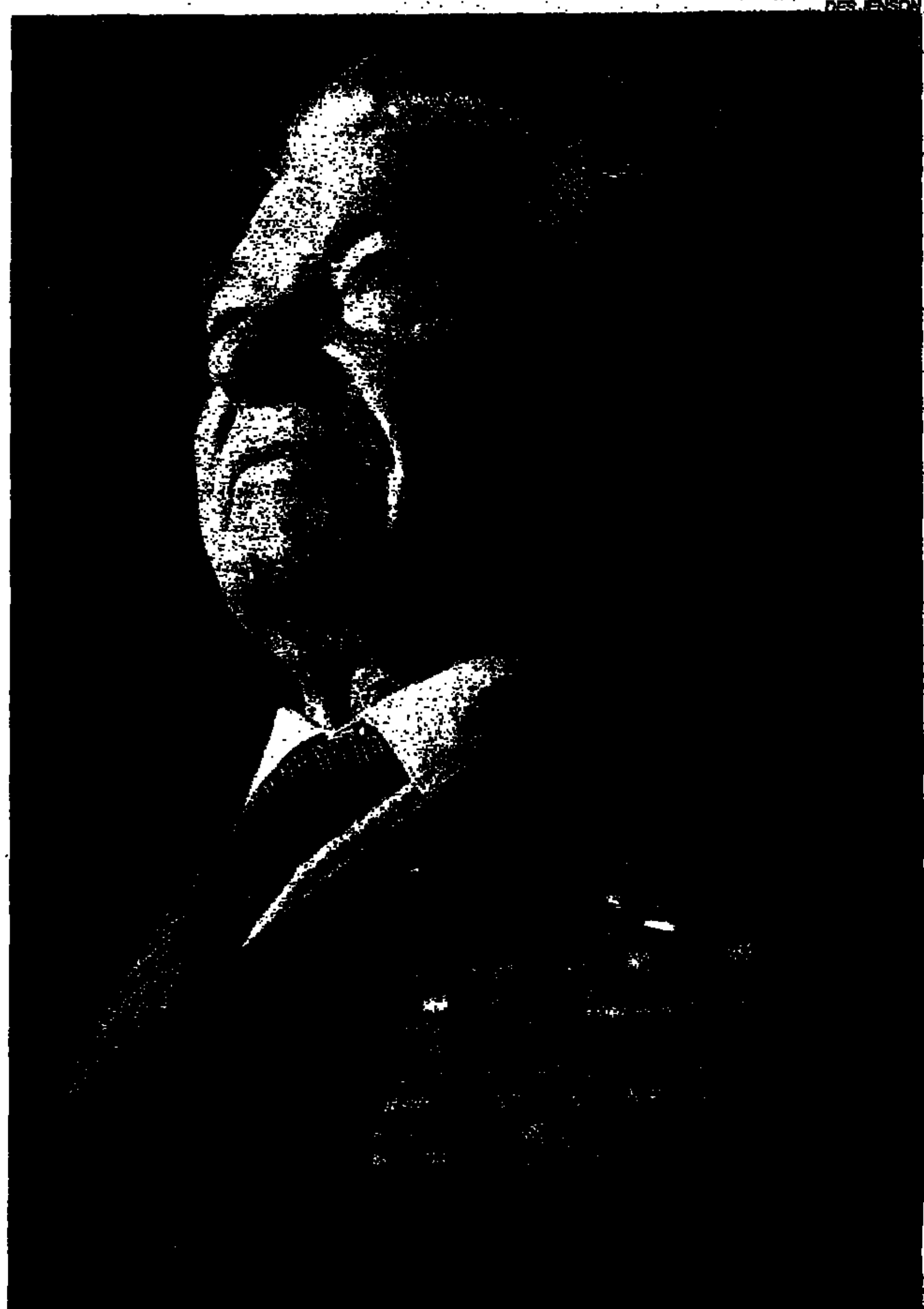


Lt Gen Petrenko says anti-semitism was rife within the Soviet command

Another world, another time, another journey

From Roger Boyes in *Auschwitz*

A SMALL woman was sitting in a deep leather seat in the foyer of a Cracow hotel. Her camp number was not visible: it is unseasonably warm in southern Poland but not warm enough for short sleeves.

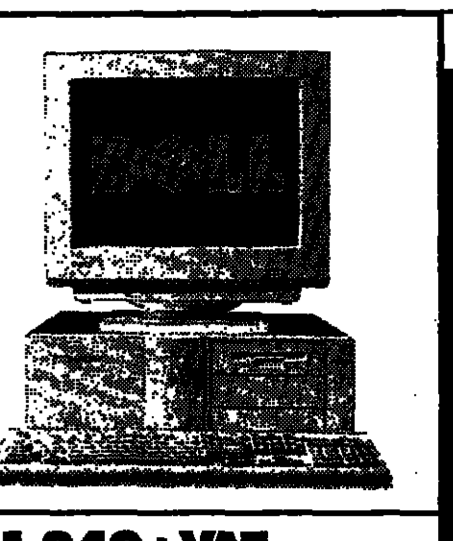
Halina Katz had taken the long train journey from Frankfurt to Auschwitz. The trip and the stress of remembering had worn her out. The Auschwitz she arrived in was not the wartime concentration camp but the small, grimy Polish town now known as Oswiecim.

While other Jews returning for the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation had spent the day among the wooden huts of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Frau Katz strolled around Oswiecim. "I was curious," she said, "for so long the town was cheek by jowl with the camp — I thought there must be something there, something that connects me with the past. After all, the town is full of live people with memories." But there is little there: no synagogue, no sign on the main street that prisoners like Frau Katz would have seen as they were marched through the town on assignments to one of the 40 German factories.

Why did Frau Katz come back? Why does anyone? In her handbag she has a black and white photograph of her adult children. "I can't talk to them about the camp, about what happened — it is a silence that divides us." Here she might find somebody to unlock the silence. Not a friend — "there were no real friends, we were in a competition for life" — but another stranger from another block.

She was transferred from Auschwitz before the liberation on January 27 but there are enough people on hand to remember that final day. Maurice Goldstein, a 73-year-old retired surgeon, who is *chairman* of the International Auschwitz Committee, recorded the last day in a crudely scribbled diary. He read an extract: "At three in the afternoon, I said to my friends: 'Today is my birthday. I wish that the Russians would come and join the party'." But although the roar of battle grew louder throughout the day, there was only a nervous waiting. Only at 8.30 in the evening did Mr Goldstein — since become a Belgian baron — hear Russian voices. "'Come here!' — that is a Russian phrase I will never forget."

Survivors do not all have rosy memories of the Russians. There are reports that some women prisoners were raped and that a search was launched for stolen Jewish valuables. But the dominant feeling, *all* survivors *here* seem to agree, was of stunned relief. "Auschwitz was the end of the journey for so many people," Frau Katz said. "And for the rest of us — we travel back there every night."



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Children bound for safety recall final farewell to their families

By Dominic Kennedy

URSULA BRANN'S heart was high as she left Hitler's Berlin as a 15-year-old in March 1939 on a train packed with Jewish children heading for the sanctuary of Britain. "It was more like an adventure, something exciting," she said. "I *didn't realise* obviously that it was going to be the end of everything."

Her suitcase, stuffed with clothes, *had* just enough room for a prayer book, dedicated to her by her father, Ferdinand. Her sister, Stefanie, had given her a ring as a memento. At 16, Stefanie was too old to join the *Kindertransporte* but the Brann family lived in hope. Their names were on a list of Jews waiting to go to the United States.

"There were quotas," Ursula said. "My parents had numbers to go to America in 1942. I clung on to this: only three years and we will all meet up again."

The reunion never happened. A final telegram from Ursula's father in 1943 said the family was leaving Berlin on a transport to the east. "*They must have been among* the last Jews to leave Berlin," said Ursula, now Mrs Gilbert, a grandmother living in Edgware, north London.

Many Jews in Britain owe their lives to the *Kindertransporte*, which helped more than 9,000 children to flee the Nazis. After *Kristallnacht* in November 1938, the Central British Fund for German Jewry, based in London, worked with Allied organisations to persuade the British Government to allow unaccompanied children from Germany and Austria into Britain without passports or visas. The children's identity cards have been rediscovered by Dr Amy Gottlieb, honorary archivist for the fund, since renamed CBF World Jewish Relief.

Mrs Gilbert, who was born in Berlin in 1923, experienced prejudice from an early age. "At school in Germany the children were separated. We weren't allowed to play with the others, we weren't allowed to go on outings, no theatre visits, nothing like that." On *Kristallnacht* her father's shop selling Russian delicacies was destroyed. "Everything was raided, burnt and smashed."

An aunt found the young refugee her first job in England, as a milliner. "War broke out on a Sunday," she *said. "On the Monday* morning the managers of this workshop got everybody together and said, 'We have a German in our midst and we have to tell this German person to leave the company.' That German was me."

Herbert Levy was a nervous boy of nine when he joined the children's transport in June 1939. As a child he was mostly afraid. "I remember having to go to a Jewish school quite a long walk from home. The Jewish term times were different so I had to walk to school when the other children were on holiday. They shouted at me *and spat at me.*"

His parents followed him to Britain, which allowed Jewish adults in as students, nurses or domestic servants. "I ended up on the Isle of Man being detained in 1940 with my mother in the ladies' camp," Mr Levy, of Highgate, north London, said.

Hans Rahmer, 15, was one of the oldest of 400 children in his transport leaving Berlin in August 1939. His father had worked for Deutsche Bank but was demoted for being Jewish and finally dismissed in 1937.

"My father was arrested the morning after *Kristallnacht* and sent to a concentration camp and came home seven weeks later looking like a skeleton." His parents were deported to Riga in 1942. "They were in a transport of 800 people of whom none survived. Nothing is known of how or when they died."

In 1943 Hans left school with a scholarship to Cambridge, but instead was commissioned in the Durham Light Infantry to serve in Egypt and Austria. The Army *suggested* he changed *his* name in case he was caught by the Nazis, and he chose John Rayner.

After taking up his scholarship in Cambridge, he became a rabbi. He is now Emeritus Rabbi of St John's Wood Liberal Synagogue, north London.

Ilse Smith, a retired nurse living in Leeds, was seven when she left Vienna for Britain. "I remember clutching my teddy bear and being seen off by my mother." Her family never thought of themselves as Jewish, but the Nazis did. Ilse, née Beigel, and her mother were christened Lutherans, but her father's father was a Jew who married a Catholic.

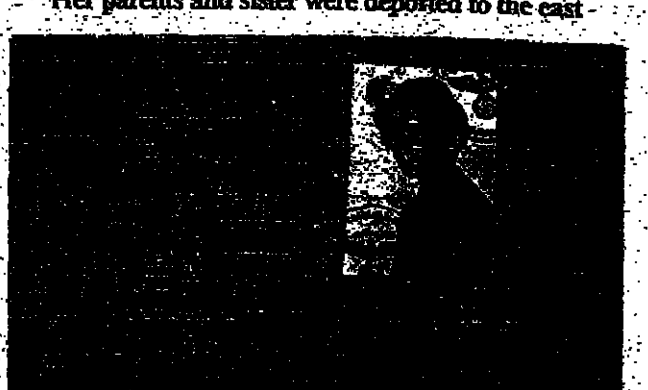
"It was a matter of race. If you had a drop of Jewish blood that was your lot, you were a mongrel. You weren't Aryan, not a thoroughbred."

After the Anschluss in 1938, the family lost *their* living and their home. "We moved in with someone else. There was another lady in the flat who committed suicide while we were there."

Her parents escaped to England as a butler and a cook. She had difficulties sleeping for many years. "Every time I tried to sleep I used to hear *jackboots marching* and they would get louder and louder."

☐ *Herbert Levy's memoirs* Voices from the Past *will be published by The Book Guild in April*

Ursula Gilbert, above, and her Nazi identity card. Her parents and sister were deported to the east



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Disgruntled voters see merit in idea of constitutional reform

By Peter Riddell

THE public is increasingly dissatisfied with the way Parliament works and there is growing support across party lines for constitutional reform, according to a MORI poll for *The Times*. But creating regional assemblies in England is opposed across the country, except in the North.

The poll shows that the public supports six of Labour's seven main proposals for changing Britain's constitution, apart from English assemblies. But many people are still undecided.

The proportion of the public believing that Parliament works well has declined from 59 per cent in March 1991 to 37 per cent now, while the number thinking that it works badly has risen from 16 to 38 per cent. Nearly half the public backs Labour's proposal to remove the right of hereditary peers to vote in the House of Lords, with just a fifth opposing. A majority of Tory supporters also back the proposal, by a 45 to 32 per cent margin. Middle-class voters are keener on the change than working-class voters.

There is support across the country for devolution for Scotland and Wales. Proposals to create a Scottish parliament with some powers over levels of taxation is backed by 43 per cent and opposed by 27 per cent. In England, which comprises 85 per cent of the British electorate, 39 per cent are in favour with 28 per cent opposed. The level of support is 72 per cent north of the border.

A significant minority of Tory and Labour supporters oppose their party's stand. More than a quarter of Tories are in favour of Scottish devolution and a fifth of Labour supporters are against it. Support for giving greater powers of government to Wales is less strong: 38 per cent back the plan while 30 per cent oppose it. There are also bigger divisions within Wales with three-fifths backing devolution and just over a fifth opposed.

The public opposes devolution to regional assemblies in England, though only by a 40 to 32 per cent margin, and by 41 to 33 per cent in England. But since a quarter of the public has no opinion either way, this suggests that there is no settled view. Northern England is the only region favouring greater powers of government and elected assemblies, by 39 to 32 per cent.

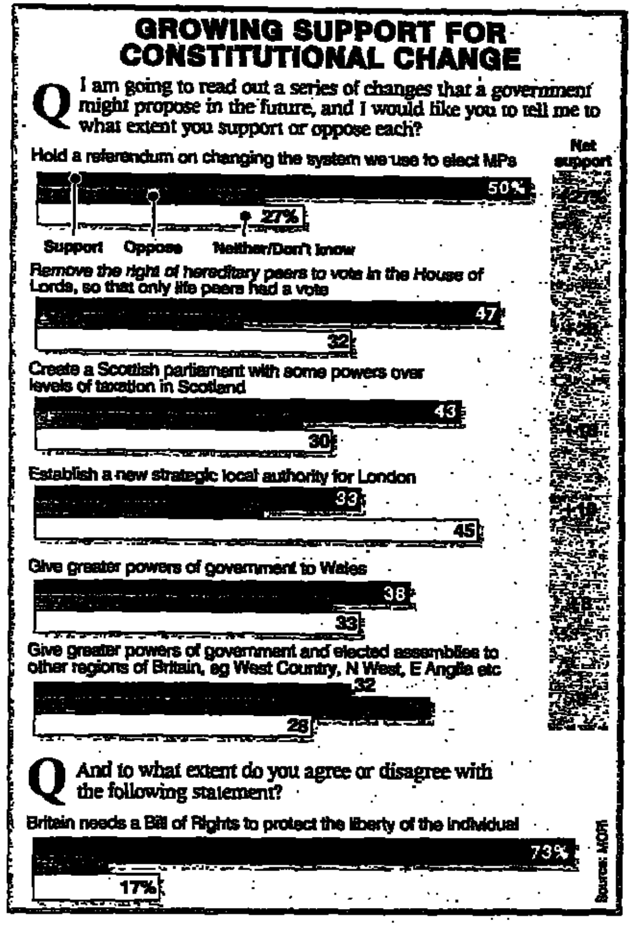
Labour supporters back regional assemblies in England by a narrow margin, while Liberal Democrats are opposed, by 42 to 29 per cent, contrary to their party's longstanding policy.

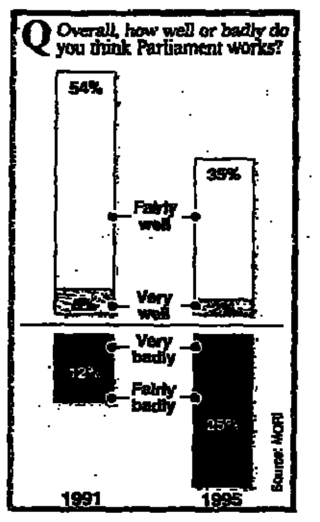
However, nearly a third of the public back a new strategic local authority for London with under a quarter opposed. But 45 per cent have no view. In London itself, a new strategic authority is backed by three-quarters and opposed by just a tenth.

Nearly three-quarters of the public supports Britain having "a Bill of Rights to protect the liberty of the individual". This includes nearly two-thirds of Tory supporters, even though in the House of Lords on Wednesday the Government opposed a Bill that seeks to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into British law. The number strongly backing the proposal has increased since 1991.

The public supports holding a referendum on changing the system used to elect MPs, as proposed by Labour. But the margin in favour, 50 to 23 per cent, is less than when people are asked whether they support holding a referednum on other issues such as Britain's relations with Europe or on capital punishment. This reflects the greater public divisions on changing the electoral system. Tory supporters are evenly split on the proposal.

☐ *MORI interviewed 1,485 adults on January 20 to 23.*





Revival of Tory rating is little comfort for Major

The Tories should not celebrate the latest MORI poll too much. Their support may have jumped by five points to its highest level since last May. But it is far too early to regard this as a real turning point. The shift over the past month is more a correction from highly unusual figures at the end of last year than a fundamental reappraisal in the public's view of the Government.

The 61 per cent level which Labour achieved in mid-December looked unsustainably high, being well above what any party has achieved before. Labour support has dropped to the range it was in last autumn. The party's rows over Clause Four, education and public ownership obviously did not help, and are a warning about the damage that can be caused by prolonged internal arguments. The party has this week turned the attack back on the Government over fairness issues, such as privatised utilities, where it does well with the public.

There is no sign that Labour has suddenly fallen out of public favour. Some traditional Tory supporters, particularly from the middle classes and owner occupiers, have returned to the fold after dallying with Labour. The same trends are shown even if the figures are recalculated to take account of the reluctance of some Tory supporters to reveal their voting intentions. After adjusting the "don't knows" for their declared past votes, Labour support is 53 per cent, against 30 per cent for the Tories, still a big lead.

The most revealing evidence is on the Tory side. The public has not become more favourably disposed towards the Government. Dissatisfaction with the way the Government is running the country and John Major is doing his job as Prime Minister are only just above their all-time lows, and are below the averages for the past two years. Moreover, Tory supporters are even less satisfied with the Government and Mr Major than last month. Less than a half of Tories approve of his performance in office. This contrasts with the rise in the morale of Tory MPs at Westminster following Mr Major's strong performances at Prime Minister's questions since the New Year.

The much discussed "feelgood" factor has still not appeared. Despite the statistics pointing to strong growth, the economic optimism index, measuring those believing that the general economic condition of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months, is still negative. It currently stands at minus 14 points, against minus 16 points last month, lower than the average for the past two years.

The public is nonetheless aware that unemployment is falling. The number mentioning unemployment as among the most important issues facing Britain today has been declining steadily, from a peak of 81 per cent in February 1993 to 52 per cent now, the lwoest level for more than three years. (By contrast, the number mentioning Europe as among the most important issues has jumped by five points over the past month to 22 per cent, its highest level since the rows over the Maastricht treaty in late 1992. This presumably reflects the fisheries and veal rows, and the continuing reports about the Euro-rebels.)

These findings suggest that the Tories have a long way to go to persuade the public that economic recovery is benefiting them. They may therefore have to wait some time for any sustained revival in their fortunes in the opinion polls. There could still be bumpy times ahead for Mr Major.

PETER RIDDELL

Blair faces tough match against Clause 4 defenders

By Alice Thomson, Political Reporter

TICKETS to see Tony Blair defend the scrapping of Clause Four in Gateshead last night were harder to come by than a prized seat at a Newcastle United home match.

Clause Four, with its commitment to nationalisation, is an emotive issue in the North East, where Labour blames Thatcherism and privatisation for ruining the steel industry, coal industry and shipyards and losing thousands of jobs. The privatised utilities are also unpopular for their big price rises for consumers and big pay rises for directors.

Many party members are deeply unhappy at being bulldozed into changing Clause Four. David Walker, of Houghton and Washington local party, said: "The Ten Commandments have lasted thousands of years and we don't need to modernise them. What's good stands the test of time and Clause Four is why I joined the Labour Party."

Last night in the first of a series of regional question-and-answer sessions under the banner New Labour, New Britain, Mr Blair tried to convince the rank and file, including many of his own constituents from Sedgefield, that modernising Labour would make it electable and rewriting Clause Four was essential to that task.

Before the meeting,Mark Lickley, a party member from Newcastle East, was not impressed. "Clause Four lies at the heart of the Labour Party," he said. "Mr Blair is turning Labour into a pro-market party no different from the Tories. He only cares about low taxes when people here want to know what he's going to spend money on, like education, getting people back to work and renationalising."

Nick Brereton, of Newcastle Central, believes that Mr Blair has neglected the views of the North East in his rush to sign up middle-class housewives in the South. "We need Clause Four to help revive industry here. I am not so desperate to win the election that I will jettison all my principles."

Among supporters of Mr Blair's plan is Sarah Armstrong, 27, who said: "Getting rid of the antiquated Clause Four will remove the fear factor stopping people voting Labour. It will show Mr Blair is in no-one's pocket but he must come out with some proposals soon or it will split the party up here."

However, Pat Buttle, chairwoman of the Durham Socialist Campaign Group, said: "In thirty years canvassing no-one has asked me about it so why must Mr Blair bring it up now?" In the Elgin Square shopping centre in Newcastle she is proved right: people outside the Labour Party appear to have no idea what Clause Four is about and are more interested in football.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, questions to agriculture ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by a statement from Tony Newton, the Leader of the House, on forthcoming Commons debates. There was also an opposition debate on mortgage interest relief for income support claimants and a short debate on the future of rural England. In the Lords, the Environment Bill was in committee and the South Africa Bill had its second reading.

TODAY: In the Commons, MPs will debate the second reading of the private member's Bill from David Jamieson (Lab, Plymouth Devonport) on Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety). The Lords is not sitting.

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Chemicals make Spanish meat 'dangerous to eat'

From Edward Owen in Madrid

A REPORT to be issued shortly by Spain's leading animal rights organisation warns that most Spanish meat and sausages can damage people's health because animals are illegally fattened with huge doses of chemicals and minerals.

At the end of last year a European Union report said that Spain was the worst offender in the EU regarding the use of toxic substances to fatten animals and poultry artificially. Over one third of liver on sale in Spain was found to contain clenbuterol, a steroid-like substance that can cause serious damage to humans. The EU report said that the most clenbuterol detected had been in Málaga, the principal town of the Costa del Sol tourist region.

The Ministry of Agriculture in Madrid said yesterday that the problem of clenbuterol, banned in Spain since 1989, had been transferred to regional governments and was more a health matter.

José Luis Barcelo, director for the Association for the Defence of Animals' Rights, said his organisation would shortly publish a damning report on Spanish meat that shows that most of it is not only unfit but also dangerous for human consumption. Señor Barcelo said that animals, many of them transported from Britain, were kept in battery pens where they were bloated by being fed a cocktail of chemicals and minerals. "We have found that most of these farm factories use 20 per cent more than the permitted EU level of a mineral fibre, ground to bind cattle feed. Huge quantities of clenbuterol are also mixed in, increasing the animals' size with water rather than with nutrients," he said.

Manuel Casas, president of the Association for the Defence of Animals' Rights, claims that Spanish factory farmers use more clenbuterol than any other country in Europe. In a report prepared for the association, Octavi Piulats, a professor of philosophy in Barcelona who specialises in ecological issues, cites cases in several regions of Spain where people have suffered the effects of poisoning after eating liver containing clenbuterol.

"The danger of clenbuterol is that it takes several days or weeks to metabolise and be eliminated from the liver of the animal," he said. "And this is the organ where the biggest quantity is concentrated."

He claimed that the Spanish authorities were trying to cover up the extent of the malpractice and said that hormones, antibiotics and nitrates found in meat in Spain could cause serious medical problems to humans. "We must therefore support ecological farming and new legislation to restrict the use of chemicals and, on a more personal level, avoid eating entrails and cooked meats."

Last week the Spanish Cabinet passed a Bill enforcing EU legislation on the more humane slaughter of animals in Spain. Spain was singled out by the RSPCA for causing unnecessary cruelty to animals after a video taken in a primitive slaughterhouse in Andalusia showed calves being killed with a screwdriver. The Association for the Defence of Animals' Rights, welcomed the new legislation but pointed out that bullfighting was, as usual, automatically excluded from the Bill. Spanish fighting bull breeders obtain the same grants from the EU as normal cattle farmers to encourage meat production.

☐ **Orange alert:** Scientists in Valencia, Spain's premier citrus growing region, plan to introduce three species of insect to prey on tiny burrowing caterpillars that threaten this year's entire crop of oranges, lemons and grapefruit.

Initially the authorities at the Valencia agriculture department were stumped when *Phyllocnistis citrella stainton* first appeared on orange and lemon trees in Málaga two years ago. The larvae were destroying the buds on the trees by eating the tender inner parts before eventually becoming a miniature butterfly. The insect first appeared in Australia in 1970 and it is from there that scientists are to import three other insects that feed on the burrower.

Floods drench Germany

The submerged promenade of the German town of Zell yesterday after heavy rain made the Mosel break its banks and caused the worst flooding in some areas for 50 years. The German authorities issued a warning that the worst was yet to come, particularly between Karlsruhe and Koblenz. In Bad Kreuznach, south of Mainz, an 81-year-old man drowned. Widespread flooding was reported in the states of Saar, Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate and Bavaria. Rhineland-Palatinate called in guards to help its rescue work. The western town of Trier distributed 30,000 sandbags and asked 300 American soldiers to help erect a dam. The old town of Cologne is expecting floods today. *(Reuter)*

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Yemen dismisses border build-up

From Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia

A SENIOR Yemeni envoy to Saudi Arabia said last night that border talks between the two countries were progressing and he rejected as "provocative rumours" reports that Saudi forces were massing two miles from the disputed frontier.

"The negotiations are moving normally and there have been no impediments so far," said Abdullah al-Ahmar, Yemen's parliamentary Speaker.

Mr al-Ahmar, the pro-Saudi chief of Yemen's powerful Hashed tribal confederation, arrived in Riyadh last week after tension flared along the border. A series of skirmishes culminated in reports of a large Saudi military build-up in the border area. Syria and Egypt persuaded the two countries to resume talks.

Other Yemenis remained deeply sceptical. Abdul Aziz al-Sakkaf, the editor-in-chief of the *Yemen Times*, said Mr al-Ahmar was putting a positive gloss on negotiations. Mr al-Ahmar had made several important concessions to the Saudis during the past two weeks and "is growing less and less popular in Sanaa", Mr al-Sakkaf said. Among the concessions Yemen had agreed not to refer the dispute to any international organisation, accepting instead direct talks with the participation of Egyptian and Syrian mediators, he said.

Diplomats and military officials in Sanaa, the Yemeni capital, reported that Saudi Arabia had moved 200 tanks, rocket-launchers and helicopters near frontline positions. Yemen was reported to have moved troops up to the border. Foreign diplomats in Riyadh said, however, that there was no evidence of unusual military activity.

Doctor to get bail

Harare: Richard McGown, 58, the Scottish anaesthetist, began a six-month jail sentence yesterday, but lawyers expect him to be released on bail today (Jan Raath writes). McGown was given a prison sentence and fined on Wednesday on two counts of culpable homocide for causing the deaths of two child patients through professional negligence. The judge refused to grant him bail.

By late yesterday afternoon McGown's lawyers had won a Supreme Court order for his immediate release. The order reinstated his bail of £80.000 pending appeals.

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Sri Lanka rebels offer to give up homeland demand

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JAFFNA CITY

AFTER 12 years of war and more than 30,000 dead on all sides, the Tamil Tigers have offered to drop their demand for a separate Tamil homeland in exchange for substantial autonomy within Sri Lanka. If genuine, the offer represents a significant climbdown and an unprecedented opportunity for peace.

Anton Balasingham, the rebels' chief political strategist, made the proposal while speaking in the Tigers' stronghold of Jaffna peninsula yesterday.

This is the first time the Tigers have suggested abandoning their demand for a homeland in the north and east, which would comprise about one-third of the island. The offer came as the rebels and the Government prepared for a fourth round of peace talks, which began last autumn. No date has been fixed.

"We have not clarified what form of federalism would be suitable but the Tamil people should have a form of self-government in their own territory with legislative and executive powers," Mr Balasingham said. The Sri Lankan Government would be responsible for foreign relations and currency.

The Government of President Kumaratunga Bandaranaike, elected last August, has made peace its priority. Tamils in the Jaffna peninsula seem excited by the possibility of permanent peace after the introduction of a ceasefire three weeks ago, which ended four years of intensive fighting. Much of Jaffna City has been ruined by bombing and shelling by the air force and navy and even a central area under the protection of the International Committee of the Red Cross has been damaged.

Many Tamils are optimistic that their control of most of the northern region of the island will be recognised, and that the Government will hand over the 39 billion rupees (£520 million) it has promised to rebuild the region, which has no electricity or telephones and little running water.

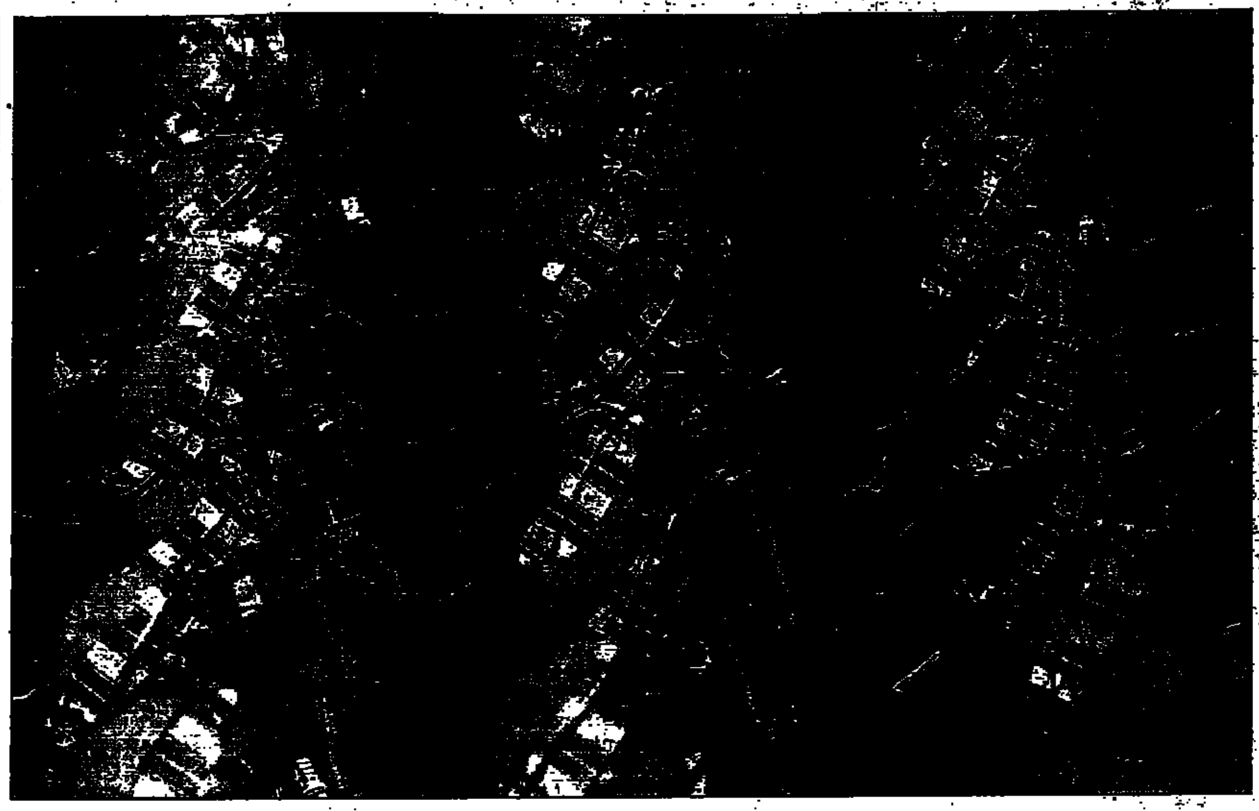
Such optimism is at worst wildly excessive and at best premature, given that Sinhalese nationalists and hardline Buddhist monks would fight any government attempt to grant a de facto homeland to the largely Hindu Tamils, who suffered years of abuse by the Sinhalese Buddhist majority and finally took up arms in the 1970s. The Tamil Tigers were formed in 1975 by the reclusive Vellupillai Prabhakaran, 40.

The Tigers' apparent decision to modify their central demand has been conveyed formally to Colombo. It will be viewed with suspicion by the Government, given the rebels' record of posturing for political, psychological and military advantage. The Tamils tend to exploit ceasefires to restock. Arms are smuggled in small boats across the Palk Strait from India, despite patrols by the Indian Navy.

Mr Balasingham, formerly a lecturer in social science at the then South Bank Polytechnic in London and a translator with the British High Commission in Colombo from 1965-70, said that peace negotiations could fail if the Buddhist clergy put pressure on Mrs Kumaratunga.

The Tigers abandoned their Marxist beliefs with the collapse of communism. "The Marxist perspective has no meaning to us any more," Mr Balasingham said. The priority was to address the immediate daily needs of the people of Jaffna.

"This is the first time we have made a clear statement that a federal form of autonomy is the most suitable political system acceptable to the Tamil people," he said. "There should be a recognition of a Tamil homeland — a historically constituted Tamil territory with appropriate devolution."



Sikh troops of the Indian Army on parade in Delhi yesterday to mark Republic Day. President Mandela of South Africa was a special guest and watched the ceremony.

Blasts rock rallies as India celebrates Republic Day

As the capital celebrated the anniversary of the constitution, at least eight people were killed by bombs which exploded during a rally in Kashmir. Up to 100 others were injured by three blasts which rocked a stadium during a rally attended by 15,000 people in Jammu, winter capital of the north Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. Two devices went off next to the podium where the state Governor, K. V. Krishna Rao, was addressing the gathering. General Rao escaped with a minor injury to his nose. His bodyguard was killed. The Governor ordered an investigation into the blasts, which officials believed to be the work of separatist militants. *(Reuter)*

Burmese pound Karen camps

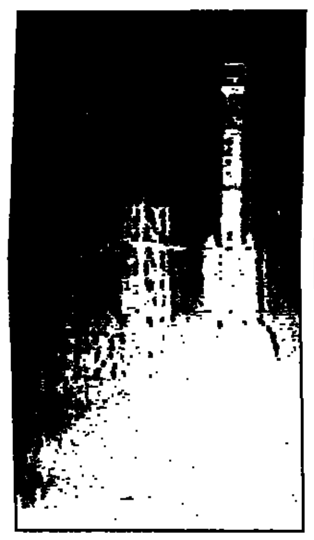
FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BANGKOK

THE Burmese junta moved yesterday to crush one of the world's longest-running insurgencies as 10,000 troops pounded rebel strongholds with artillery and small arms.

"They're not letting up at all," said a border source. "They are moving all the time."

Rangoon last month broke the unilateral ceasefire it declared in 1992 to take advantage of a split in the Karen rebel group. Karen rebels said that about 500 of their 4,000 troops defected on Sunday to help Rangoon fight its biggest offensive against the rebels in three years.

The rebels said 5,000 soldiers were attacking their headquarters and another 5,000 were advancing against their bases, Nawta and Kamoora, also along the Burmese-Thai border. The rebels added that there had been heavy casualties but no figures were given.



The doomed rocket lifts off at Xichang

Chinese rocket ends in fireball

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

CHINESE officials are investigating why a Chinese Long March 2E rocket carrying a telecommunications satellite exploded in an orange fireball yesterday seconds after being launched.

They pledged the blast would not adversely affect confidence in China's ability to launch such satellites.

Foreign executives, including some who watched the lift-off in darkness at China's Xichang space centre in southwestern Sichuan province, were not so sure, saying that the explosion, the second incident in just over a month affecting China's satellite programme, could seriously affect plans for future launches in the country.

Clients of the Chinese government-owned Apstar 2 telecommunications satellite carried by the rocket included Turner Broadcasting, Home Box Office, Discovery Channel, Hong Kong's Television Broadcasts, Reuters Television and ESPN, a sports channel.

The Long March 2E is a redesigned ballistic missile China hopes will attract a large segment of the porfitable world launch market. The Apstar 2 satellite, built by Hughes Aircraft, was the largest payload yet launched by it. Shen Guofeng, at the Foreign Ministry, said: "This explosion is a big incident and we regret it." Mr Shen said it would not be known whether planned launches would be postponed until the investigation was complete.

"About 45 seconds after a smooth liftoff, there was an explosion, apparently during the separation of boosters," one Western television executive who was present at the

WORLD SUMMARY

Illiteracy attacked by Pope

Rome: The Pope said yesterday that birth control programmes could not be imposed on couples in the developing world, particularly on people who were illiterate. The Pope made his comments in a message for Lent — which begins on March 1 — on the theme of illiteracy, which he called a "hidden evil" that deprived people of progress. He acknowledged that rising world population was a serious concern but said: "In this area, it is preferable that families should themselves take responsibility." *(Reuter)*

El Salvador siege ends

San Salvador: Hundreds of army veterans from El Salvador's civil war have ended their 24-hour siege of the Legislative Assembly and other public buildings. The veterans, angered over the Government's alleged failure to fulfil promises of land and aid, used machetes and clubs to storm and occupy the buildings. *(Reuter)*

Big break for small shops

Lisbon: Portugal has passed a decree ordering supermarkets and department stores to cut Sunday opening hours to give small shops a chance. Large stores may open no more than six hours on Sundays and holidays. The Christmas shopping season is exempt under the law, which will remain in force until 1998. *(AP)*

Ceausescu mourned

Bucharest: Communist diehards and others nostalgic for old certainties gathered at the grave of Nicolae Ceausescu, the executed Romanian dictator, to mark what would have been his 77th birthday. Five years since he was toppled in a Christmas revolution, supporters sang songs and lit candles. *(Reuter)*

Reward for rescuers

Ankara: Turkish officials rewarded poor villagers who rescued Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Couillard, a lost American airman, and his son Matthew, after a high-tech search had failed to find them. The 17 villagers received cloth for suits, watches, and £55

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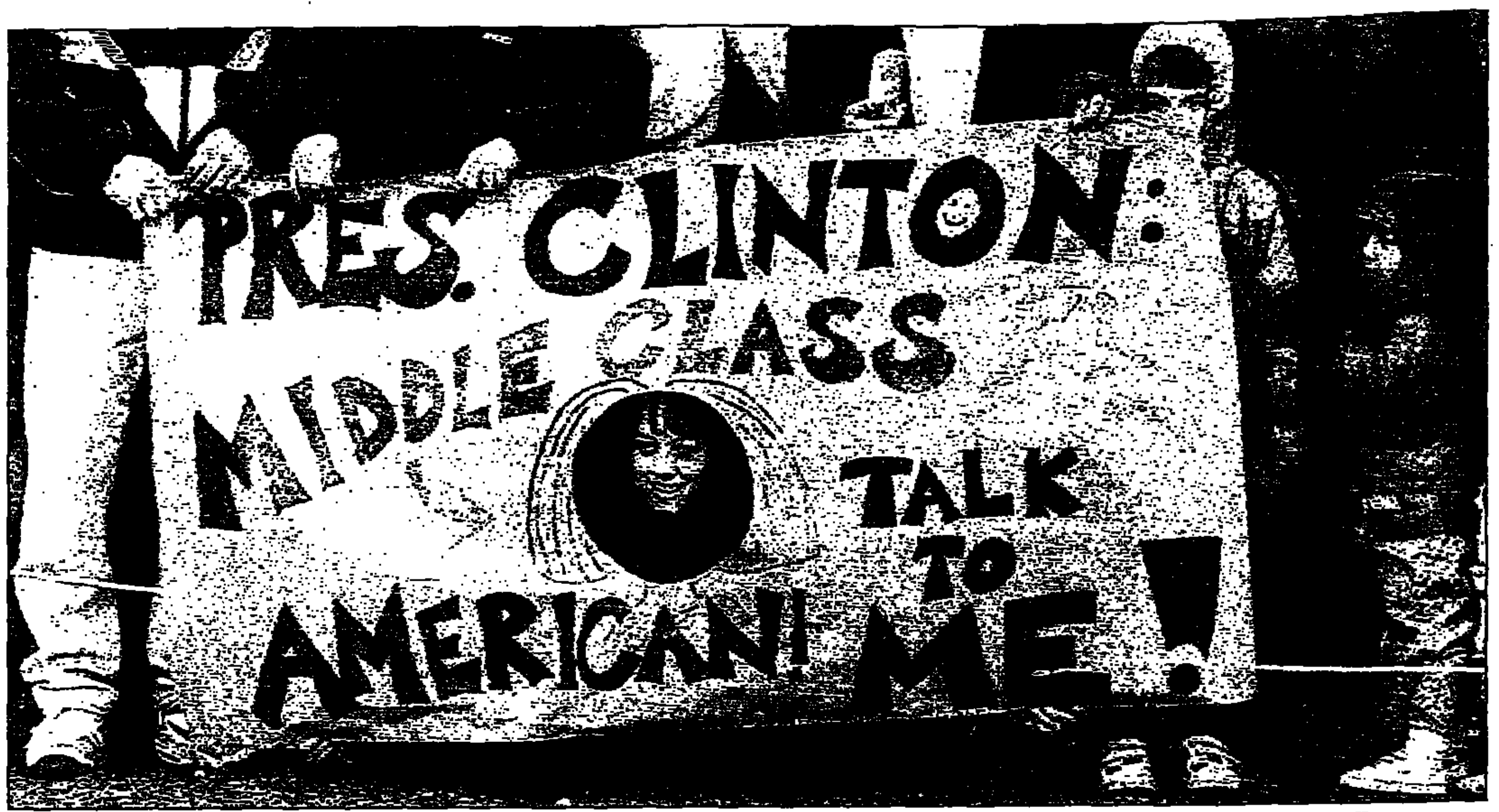

A woman in rural Kuntztown, Pennsylvania, tries to attract President Clinton's attention on his way to address the state college

Moderate Republicans oppose move to obstruct tax increases

Gingrich faces budget setback

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

THE House of Representatives looked set last night to water down the first and most radical Bill in Newt Gingrich's Contract with America — a constitutional amendment requiring the Government to balance its books by 2002.

Deserted by several moderate Republicans, the new House Speaker fell 37 votes short of the 290 he needed for a provision requiring a three-fifths "super-majority" in both the House and Senate for any future tax increases. The provision was designed to make it harder for Congress to balance the budget through taxation instead of spending cuts.

The House was later voting on five alternative versions of the constitutional amendment. The one that received the most support would then go to a final vote. It looked probable that Mr Gingrich's original would be outpolled by one requiring only a simple majority for future tax increases, but it was not certain that even that milder version would ultimately attract the two-thirds majority required for a constitutional amendment.

It had the support of at least 69 Democrats, but a dozen newly-elected conservative Republicans were defying their party leaders and vowing to oppose any version that did not contain the "super-majority" provision.

Congress has turned to a constitutional amendment because other attempts to curb America's runaway deficit have so conspicuously failed. The Government is spending roughly $200 billion (£125 billion) more each year than it takes in. The national debt has reached $3,600 billion, requiring interest payments of $235 billion a year.

Proponents of the balanced budget amendment claimed that to burden future generations with such huge debt was a form of "fiscal child abuse" and that it was already damaging America's competitiveness.

Opponents countered that the amendment would trivialise the constitution when Congress already had all the powers it needed to balance the budget, and it would leave the Government in an economic straitjacket during times of recession. The reductions it would require would wreak havoc on the Government's ability to deliver even basic services.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that to balance the federal budget by 2002 would mean finding a staggering $1,200 billion in savings or extra revenue over the next seven years. The entire annual federal budget is $1,500 billion.

The Senate will almost certainly vote down the "super-majority" provision regardless of the final House vote, but even then it is an open question whether the required 38 states would ratify any version of a balanced budget amendment. They fear they will end up bearing the brunt of the cuts. Today is the 25th day of the new Congress, meaning it is a quarter of the way through the 100-day period in which Mr Gingrich promised votes on all ten "contract" Bills, and Republican leaders admit they are struggling to meet that deadline. Democrats, warming to their new opposition role, have stalled a Bill prohibiting Congress from imposing unfunded mandates on the states with nearly 150 amendments.

Another Bill, limiting how long Congressmen could serve, is causing divisions within both parties. Also in big trouble, though it is not part of the "contract", is the Administration's $40 billion loan-guarantee package for Mexico.

Congress numbed by prolix President

By Martin Fletcher

NEWT GINGRICH has done President Clinton a favour. By sacking the House historian he made it impossible to confirm beyond all doubt yesterday that President Clinton's feature-length State of the Union message was the longest any President has delivered to Congress.

The first, by George Washington in 1790, was just 850 words. The White House predicted that Tuesday night's would last 40 minutes. In the event, Mr Clinton ploughed on for 81 minutes, making his infamous 32-minute speech to the 1988 Democratic convention seem a mere soundbite.

The President's prolixity was spawning jokes even before he finished. Strom Thurmond, the 92-year-old South Carolina senator, leaned over to Robert Dole, the Senate Republican leader, to ask if there would be an intermission. Mr Dole whispered to Leon Panetta, the White House Chief of Staff, that he was thinking of calling a recess. Christine Todd Whitman, New Jersey's Governor, began the official Republican response with a promise not to seek equal time, and took just 12 minutes.

Fred Thompson, a Republican senator, said the applause after the President's speech was "so deafening it darn near woke up a couple of guys sitting near me".

The White House offered various explanations. Officials said that Mr Clinton had not expected a Republican Congress to applaud so much and that he had not rehearsed the whole speech in advance.

Some Republicans claimed that Mr Clinton rambled on until 10.35pm so that no one would watch Mrs Whitman's response and newspapers would be unable to gather Republican reaction.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Australia party chief resigns

Sydney: Alexander Downer became the shortest serving leader in the history of the Australian Liberal Party yesterday when he resigned yesterday after eight months in the job (Roger Maynard writes).

Mr Downer will step down next Monday, paving the way for John Howard to take over. Mr Howard is widely seen as the Opposition's only hope of defeating Paul Keating, the Prime Minister, at the next general election. Mr Howard, the Shadow Industrial Relations Minister, is a previously firm monarchist who has recently softened his approach to Australia becoming a republic.

Nuns freed

Freetown: Rebels in Sierra Leone have freed seven foreign nuns but are still holding several of the 100 people taken during a raid on a village, a Defence Ministry official here said. *(AFP)*

Prize dispute

Seoul: Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King's widow, angered human rights activists here by presenting President Kim Young Sam with the peace prize named for her husband. *(Reuter)*

Pact signed

Amman: Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, and Sharif Zeid bin Shaker of Jordan signed an accord intended to guide co-operation after more than a year of talks. *(Reuter)*

Slick take-off

Charleston: A taxi driver who drove a man 150 miles to an airport for a £280 fare, then lent him £65 towards a plane ticket on a promise of having the money wired to him, found he had been duped by a runaway convict. *(AP)*

Nuclear treaty under threat

From James Bone in New York

A FURIOUS diplomatic battle is being waged in New York over the future of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, which could threaten the entire non-proliferation regime.

Britain and other nuclear-weapons powers are meeting strong opposition in their effort to renew the treaty for an indefinite period when the agreement expires this year. Influential Third World nations and anti-nuclear groups are trying to attach conditions to extension of the treaty, and to renew it only for a limited time.

Their demands include: a comprehensive ban on nuclear testing; a moratorium on the production of fissionable material for military purposes; the relaxation of restrictions on the export of peaceful nuclear technology; further reductions in nuclear weapons stockpiles; and the application of the treaty's rules to Israel. The diplomatic struggle is being played out at this week's final preparatory meeting in New York for the treaty renewal conference planned to begin in the city on April 17.

The treaty came into force in 1970 as a grand bargain between the main nuclear-weapons states and non-nuclear countries, in which non-nuclear nations renounced nuclear arms in return for promised disarmament by the nuclear powers. Despite obvious cheating in the case of Iraq, the treaty has kept a lid on nuclear proliferation and scored some considerable successes, such as South Africa's decision to renounce nuclear arms.

Only Israel, India and Pakistan, none of which subscribes to the treaty, are thought to have developed nuclear weapons capability since the 1960s.

O.J. Simpson defence alleges police bungled murder inquiry

By Tom Rhodes

JOHNNIE COCHRAN, the leading lawyer for O.J. Simpson and one of the most prominent black attorneys in America, plans to launch a fierce attack on the Los Angeles Police Department whose forensic laboratory, he claims, bungled the investigation into the murders of his client's former wife and her friend.

Mr Cochran, whose opening statements accused prosecutors of "rushing to judgment" in their efforts to find the former American football star guilty of the killings, has already denounced the police by undermining their DNA blood tests and has brought forward new witnesses whose evidence suggests others may have committed the crimes.

The introduction of as many as 13 new witnesses, whose names were not disclosed to the prosecution, brought a new melodrama to the courtroom yesterday. William Hodgman, the deputy District Attorney, had accused the defence of "outrageous and unbelievable" behaviour, which he said had prejudiced the case against Mr Simpson.

The prosecutor subsequently went to hospital with chest pains. He was still in bed yesterday described as in "stable and comfortable" condition. Doctors would not say whether he had suffered a heart attack. It was not immediately certain whether Judge Lance Ito would postpone proceedings. The judge was first considering the prosecution's complaints over the witnesses, two of whom are likely to be pivotal in establishing an alibi for Mr Simpson. Rosa Lopez, a neighbour's maid, claims to have seen his Ford Bronco outside his house at the time police say he was committing the murders. She also claims to have heard male voices emanating from the Simpson compound after he had left for Chicago on a business trip. Another witness says she saw four men walking near the murder scene on the night of June 12. Some were wearing knitted ski hats and two appeared to be carrying objects.

O.J. Simpson shows the jury the scars on his knees caused by American football at the start of his trial

However, they can do little to refute the prosecution evidence of a "trail of blood" from the murder scene to the Simpson house which the team claims proves the former sportsman is guilty.

Mr Cochran has managed to paint of portrait of Mr Simpson far removed from the stalker, wife-beater and obsessively jealous husband described by the prosecution.

Instead Mr Simpson had been asked to show swollen legs and arthritic hands, damaged by years of American football. A man, in short, incapable of killing his former wife. Pictures of the athlete taken three days after the crime proved that Mr Simpson had not a mark on his body that could have suggested a struggle.

Nevertheless, it is the forensic laboratory at the police department that will become the centre of attention for a defence team eager to undermine seemingly irrefutable scientific proof. "That laboratory is a cesspool of contamination," Mr Cochran said. "It's not up to speed and it's not up to standard." The defence has questioned the methods of the investigation from the start, querying the way that forensic evidence was gathered.

Mr Simpson denies murdering Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Family ends publisher's long wait for Beckett

By James Bone

A TRANSATLANTIC row over Samuel Beckett's unpublished first play has ended with the author's estate giving grudging permission to his American publisher to print an American edition.

Barney Rosset, the legendary founder of Grove Press who brought dozens of works by major postwar European writers to America, plans to publish *Eleutheria* in March despite objections by Beckett's family that the writer considered the work a failure. Mr Rosset says Beckett gave him the manuscript at a party at the Café Coupole in Paris in 1986 when he had just been fired from Grove Press, and urged him to use the play to start a new publishing house.

But Beckett's nephew and heir, Edward Beckett, insisted that his uncle did not want the work published, citing an author's note on the manuscript that says the play had been "jettisoned". Last year he threatened legal action to prevent a public reading of the play in New York, forcing Mr Rosset to hold the event before 100 invited guests in his East Village apartment.

Ignoring the family's protests, Mr Rosset went ahead with plans to publish an English translation of the original French text by the novelist and playwright Michael Brodsky. This week, Beckett's literary executor, Jérôme Lindon of Editions de Minuit in Paris, sent a fax to Mr Rosset in New York in which he reluctantly gave permission for the American edition.

Rwanda taxes team from Hollywood

From Tom Walker in Kigali

DENZEL Washington as Major-General Paul Kagame? Whoopi Goldberg as the prefect of Kigali? The absurd became reality yesterday, as only it can with Hollywood. Some of Tinseltown's most celebrated scriptwriters descended on Rwanda, to see if genocide can be brought to the big screen.

Sitting in the leafy compound of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the gilded thirty-somethings discussed what their mission should be.

Even if a film of the Rwandan atrocities is never made, the UNHCR says the publicity makes the visit worthwhile. "We're going back via Capitol Hill, we'll talk to the politicians, and then there'll be a major press conference in Los Angeles," said Barbara Francio, the UNHCR press officer with the team. The four scriptwriters — accompanied by Mike Farrell, who played B.J. Hunnicutt in the television series *Mash* — will visit the Kigali prison, various churches where massacres were committed and the refugee camps around Goma, Zaire, and Ngara, Tanzania.

"Hollywood and this situation are such opposites," said David Koepp, who wrote the script for *Jurassic Park*. "It can be easy assuaging guilt by just writing a cheque, but doing this seemed a much more personal contribution."

Mr Koepp said it would be "pretty arrogant" for the scriptwriters to pretend that such a short visit left them completely informed about Rwanda. "I can't imagine not looking like an idiot if I try to draw comparisons between Goma and *Jurassic Park*," he said.

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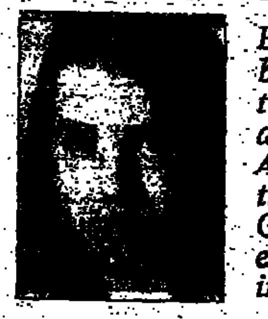


Battered in the capital - but unbowed in spirit, the Chechens promise another Afghanistan. ***Anthony Loyd*** *reports that citizens fleeing Grozny as refugees can expect little respite in the countryside*

Black ravens peck greedily in the bloody snow while hungry dogs roam the deserted thoroughfares in search of scraps of flesh. The Minutka, at one time a Chechen command centre after the loss of the Presidential Palace, is black with shellfire, while Avtorkhanov Street, formerly Lenin Prospekt, is a smoking architectural carcass.

Those of its citizens who were able to have gone. For those who remain, Grozny is not falling, but simply being rendered untenable, robbed from its possessors not by superior strategy, but by a brute colossus of shellfire and shrapnel. Even the city's defenders are beginning to acknowledge the inevitable. "They can destroy us all but they can never destroy our spirit," said Rashid, commander of a unit near devastated Avtorkhanov Street. Other fighters are resolved on longer-term combat options. "There is a chance now that they will take the town," admitted Ali. "But it won't happen quickly. It has taken them nearly two months to get to the river. Whatever happens there is no way we will stop fighting. Hills, mountains, wherever, this war will go on."

Yesterday Grozny's options seemed slimmer than ever, as Russian tanks and artillery pieces finally made the southern route to the city impassable and switched their fire to the one remaining route out in the southeast.

To leave the capital has become as dangerous as to enter it. Many Chechen drivers simply refuse to attempt to drive in any more, whatever money they are offered. Abandoned by one normally unshakeable driver near the centre of town, a small group of journalists had to make their escape on foot, confused and shaken by the indiscriminate artillery fire that rained down about them, closing familiar routes. There was none to ask for direction as they chased down the ice-covered streets of Grozny.

The war is spreading from the city like shockwaves on a screen. The countryside is packed with refugees, and they know what has happened to their city. They are angry, and the Chechen nature lends itself more to vengeance than forgiveness. Russian jets are attacking targets deeper and deeper in the countryside, while Russian guns continue to fire on Chechen villages. Whatever the outcome of the conflict in the capital, the Chechen nation is in its spirit more divorced from Russia than at any time since the Second World War, with consequences that will be far reaching.

"I fought for four years in Afghanistan," said a Ukrainian soldier fighting along the Chechens. "I have been here for some time as I have many Chechen friends who I served with in the army.

"If it is what they want then the Russians will have a new Afghanistan here. It may take time and lives, but the end shall be the same — they shall leave."

General denounces Chechenia operation

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday pledged an early end to the Chechen war, as a general dismissed for refusing to command the invasion condemned the Russian Defence Ministry for bad planning and moral cowardice.

Mr Yeltsin was speaking in the central Russian city of Lipetsk, during the first of a series of trips that are meant to restore his crumbling image among ordinary Russians. The President also promised to continue with Russia's economic reforms and said that stabilisation is possible in 1995. His views on the economy have been met with deep scepticism because of the costs of the Chechen invasion.

The former deputy commander of land forces in Chechenia denounced the operation yesterday as poorly planned and prepared. Colonel-General Eduard Vorobyov was ordered to resign last month for refusing to take command of the Chechen operation.

General Vorobyov said he had not even heard about the planned intervention until he was told to put on combat uniform and fly to the republic on December 17. He said he agreed two days later to take temporary command of Russian forces, but he realised they were in no condition to carry out Moscow's orders for a "blitzkrieg".

General Vorobyov said that General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, should "have had the courage to tell the President that time was needed to prepare the troops".

One piece of news that was welcomed by Western economists and diplomats yesterday was that Mr Yeltsin had appointed Pyotr Mostovoi, a well-known reformer, as head of the agency responsible for implementing the privatisation programme. Mr Mostovoi replaces Vladimir Polevanov, a conservative who had threatened to halt the entire programme and reverse many of the privatisations. Mr Polevanov, who was dismissed this week, had been appointed as part of attempts by the Yeltsin administration to woo state economic managers and moderate members of the Communist opposition.

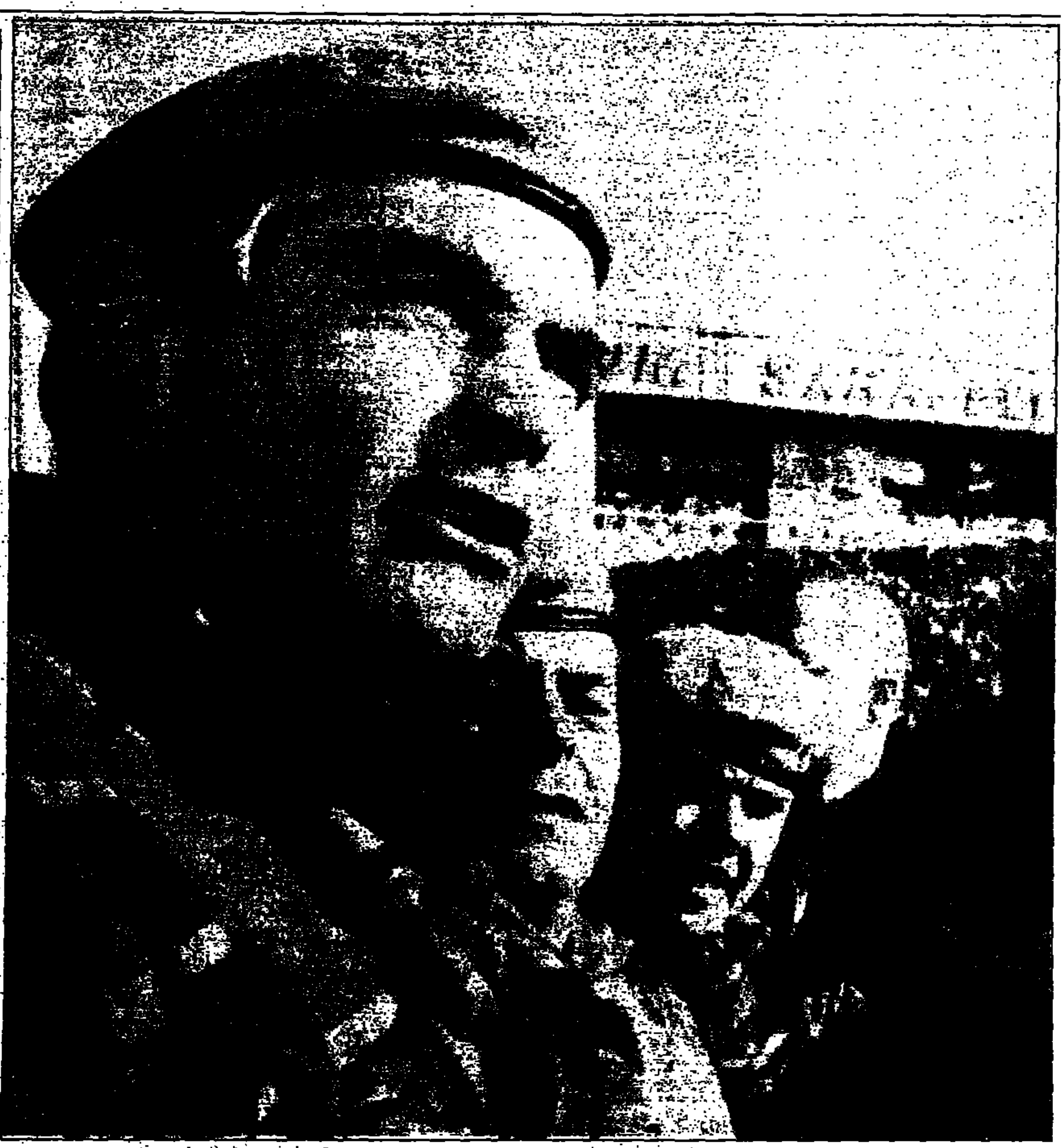
Mr Mostovoi is a longstanding associate of Anatoli Chubais, the Deputy Prime Minister who is the architect of the privatisation programme and the last remaining radical reformer in the Russian Cabinet. In recent months, Mr Chubais has forged an alliance of sorts with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, once a conservative opponent. Mr Chernomyrdin and Mr Chubais fear the hardline security men and military industrialists, such as General Aleksandr Korzhakov and Oleg Lobov, who now dominate Mr Yeltsin's entourage and the National Security Council. The council has usurped many cabinet functions.

After virtually withdrawing from public life during the Chechen intervention, Mr Yeltsin is trying to present himself once again as a hands-on President. After his visit in Lipetsk, he told journalists: "I encouraged the workers to ask questions about Chechenia and they told me it is high time to end the conflict. I told them we wanted with all our hearts to end the conflict."

Rouble hits record low

Moscow: The rouble tumbled to a record low yesterday, falling to more than 4,000 to the dollar for the first time.

But dealers said the drop to 4,004 against the US currency from Wednesday's 3,998 had been engineered by the central bank. The bank had allowed the rouble to rise significantly against the dollar in the months before it fell sharply last October on soaring demand for dollars, prompting a currency crisis. Now the bank appears anxious not to repeat the same mistake. *(Reuter)*



Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the softly-spoken new UN commander, arrives in Sarajevo yesterday

Quiet soldier's 'mission impossible'

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

THE new commander of the United Nations troops in Bosnia, Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, 51, flew into Sarajevo yesterday, promising to focus his efforts on delivering humanitarian aid and encouraging the peace process.

The British Gulf War veteran assumed charge of what is probably the most tricky of all UN peacekeeping missions. Hours before he arrived in Sarajevo, Bosnian Serb gunners fired six artillery shells into an inhabited part of the UN "safe area" of Bihac.

The general will have to balance the conflicting methods and goals of a peacekeeper with thousands of vulnerable troops, a peace-enforcer with Nato war planes at his disposal and a mediator with little leverage. Most observers say it is an impossible mission, but Western countries are unwilling to face the consequences of ending it.

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, General Smith's predecessor who left on Monday, left behind a country that is calmer than when he arrived but no closer to peace.

General Rose will be promoted to full general in July and assume the post of Adjutant-General, one of the Army's top three posts.

Apart from the obstacles and hazards of commanding the politically sensitive 23,000-strong operation, General Smith faces a tough fight with a sceptical and often unforgiving foreign press corps who rarely saw eye to eye with his predecessor. The general, who is said to favour maintaining a healthy distance from the media, was confident and friendly in his first encounter with the international press. His statement offered nothing new, which suggested to some a smooth, if uneventful transition.

"I am pleased to take up the reins from my predecessor, Michael Rose, to do what we can to give aid to the unfortunate and long-suffering people caught up in this conflict and, on the basis of the cessation of hostilities, to work hard at arriving at a settlement and peace in this country," the general said at Sarajevo airport. He ducked more probing questions about his concerns and how to succeed where others have failed. That, some officers and journalists who know the new commander from previous operations say, reflects the different approach of the new man. Whereas General Rose was known for being spontaneous, unorthodox and having a taste for heated debate, the new commander is reputed to be pensive, considered and softly spoken.

Officers who have served with General Smith previously say that, although his style is unlike his predecessor's, the end result is likely to be the same.

Britain backs French on force to tackle terrorism

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN is ready to include terrorism in the remit of Europol, the embryo clearing house for European police investigators. France announced yesterday after a meeting of European deputy interior ministers in Paris.

The Home Office said yesterday that Michael Forsyth, the Minister of State, had agreed to the inclusion of terrorism because Britain had long seen this as a legitimate area of co-operation between governments. Despite public criticism from Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister, of Britain, Germany and other European Union states for their lenient line towards Algerian Muslim militants, British and French security forces have worked closely together in keeping known leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front under observation.

Germany's plans for the development of Europol, which began as a body to streamline the European fight against drugs, suffered a setback at the Essen summit last month. Since then France, which has taken over the EU presidency, has pushed for tighter controls on Islamic radicals, and sees yesterday's agreement as an important step in its attempt to co-ordinate a tough EU line on the Islamic insurgency in Algeria.

Pushed by a fear that the violence may spill over into France, Paris has made a revamped Mediterranean policy a priority for its EU presidency. At a meeting of EU Foreign Ministers on Monday, France outlined proposals for an ambitious new aid package for the Mediterranean, but no money was agreed. Britain opposes any sharp increase in spending on aid for North Africa, and insists that opening markets to citrus exports and other agricultural produce would be the best way of aiding these countries' struggling economies.

"It comes ill from the southern countries to demand more aid for North Africa when they are not ready to open their own markets, which would allow these countries to boost exports," one official said yesterday.

France, however, wants to switch the focus away from Eastern Europe, where aid and know-how funds have been concentrated, and give greater priority to the Maghreb states. Spain and Italy, which will hold the EU presidencies after France, also believe more should be done to stabilise North Africa and boost employment to lessen the threat of mass illegal immigration to southern Europe.

The Ramon Trias Fargas foundation in Spain is holding a conference at the beginning of next month to which ministers and officials from Morocco, Tunisia, Spain, France and Israel have been invited, to discuss technological transfers and free trade. In November the Spanish Government will also hold a conference in Barcelona on Spanish proposals for a closer integration between Europe and North Africa. Italy is also likely to support calls for a revival of proposals five years ago for a Conference for Security and Co-operation in the Mediterranean.

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Colonel disciplined over insult to women

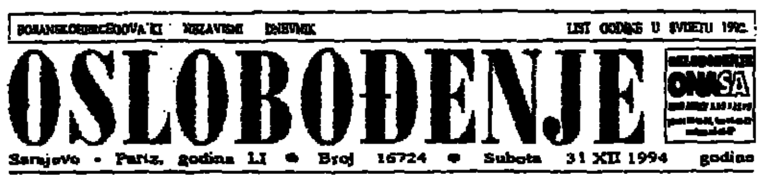
Jerusalem: The commander of an Israeli armoured brigade was court-martialled yesterday for telling high school students "men have always been warriors and women, prostitutes", the army said.

"The northern front commander today found Colonel Gershon Hacohen guilty and severely reprimanded him for an unauthorised lecture in which he made remarks humiliating and hurtful to women soldiers and officers and to the honour of women in general," a spokesman said.

Hacohen expressed deep regret for his comments, made in a lecture at a Jerusalem secondary school to male and female students due to be conscripted on graduation, the spokesman said. In the same lecture, Hacohen said computers and answering machines could perform many of the duties of women soldiers.

Israeli women, like men, are drafted into the army at the age of 18. Some women soldiers act as instructors, but are banned from combat duty.

"A brigade commander who says such despicable things should not be a leader of men," Yossi Sarid, the Environment Minister, said. *(Reuter)*



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Oslobodenje has not missed an issue in 1,000 days of siege

Sarajevo's daily defies siege to meet deadline

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE pen has been mightier than the sword in Sarajevo, where the cataclysm of war has failed to stop the presses of the Bosnian capital's *Oslobodenje* newspaper for even one of the city's 1,000 days of siege.

As the capital marks the 1,000th day of conflict tomorrow, the newspaper will go on sale as usual to the news-hungry and isolated citizens of Sarajevo. The price of publication has been dear: four employees killed, 20 — including the former editor-in-chief, Kemel Kurspahic — injured, the newspaper's headquarters flattened.

Oslobodenje means Liberation but there has been precious little of that for the defenders of press freedom who have lived mole-like existences working with next to no resources from a nuclear fall-out shelter.

The paper began life as an underground pamphlet when it was founded in 1943 by anti-Fascist partisans. It has been a rare source of news since April 1992 in a city of rumours and electricity blackouts. Mehmet Halilovic, who was elected editor-in-chief by fellow employees a year ago, said: "Our worst time was June and July 1992, when our building was shelled and set on fire. People could not believe it next day when we still managed to bring out a paper."

The staff moved to the nuclear bunker, where ten employees lived for seven days at a time then took three days off, risking sniper fire on their way in and out.

"Although we may have missed a morning edition, we have published a paper every single day. We now have modest new premises which we rent in the city, but we still keep two teams of production staff and editors working on a weekly basis in the shelter," said Mr Halilovic, who is working on plans to print a Frankfurt edition for distribution to Bosnians now living elsewhere in Europe.

Oslobodenje's staff was multi-ethnic before the war and "we have almost exactly the same composition now", he said, "nearly 50 per cent Muslim, 30 per cent Serbs and the rest Croat."

Oslobodenje has an appeal fund. Any donations should be sent to: Oslobodenje Fund, The Embassy of Bosnia-Herzegovina, 40-41 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB. Cheques should be payable to The Embassy of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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Is the most revered restaurant guide blind to the virtues of modern British cooking? **Julia Llewellyn Smith** on the merits of Michelin

Stars and gripes of the little red book

The film world has the Oscars, literary circles the Booker Prize, while in the temples of gastronomy the ultimate accolade is three Michelin stars. Whether they admit it or not, most chefs would spend the rest of their lives on a diet of Mother's Pride and Spam if they could only see those three red rosettes twinkling next to their names.

The awards, in Britain at least, are as rare as a French vegetarian. When the Michelin guide was launched here in 1974, only five restaurants were given a measly one star — for "very good".

In the 1995 awards, announced this week, 57 restaurants had one star; six had two. Meanwhile, the number of three-star establishments had doubled overnight: last year's superstars, the Waterside Inn at Bray and La Tante Claire in London, had been joined by Nico Ladenis's Chez Nico at 90 Park Lane and The Restaurant, Marco Pierre White.

While Marco and Nico — *superchefs*, like *supermodels*, are known by their first names only — partied the night away, loud grumbling was heard in the rest of the restaurant world, where, with each passing year, the Michelin awards are regarded with more and more resentment and disrespect.

The problem, say many, is that the guide, which is French in origin, has little understanding of food in Britain. Starred establishments are nearly always French influenced, very few of our thriving ethnic restaurants are recognised and, according to many, more attention is paid to fancy trappings than to food on the plates.

"Michelin should stick to making tyres and maps in this country. I don't think they understand the London scene at all," says Joel Kissin, of Conran restaurants. "They are very keen on pomp and circumstance, and they won't look at you unless you have the 1990s equivalent of the red carpet."

Sour grapes, perhaps, given that Quaglino's, one of the Conran flagships, lost its red "M" for "less elaborate but carefully prepared meals" this year. But Simon Parkes, a food and travel broadcaster who was for six years a Michelin inspector, agrees. "A lot of people in the metropolis feel the guide is outdated. It is still commending places with frilly-knicker blinds which smack of success and expense accounts, and are rather brash and nouveau riche. Very 1980s, in fact."

The problem lies not only with the decor, but with the food. "They seem to go for very elaborate meals. They can't seem to realise that the simple, rustic stuff is just as good," says Mr Parkes. "The Union Café in Marylebone does a wonderful risotto but doesn't have a hope in hell of recognition."

Marco and Nico celebrate their three Michelin stars

The same could be said of the Walnut Tree, near Abergavenny, which lost its red "M" in 1990 after the chef, Franco Taruschio, announced to an inspector that the guide was the bane of British catering. "The food is wonderful, *but it doesn't have frou-frou loos* and serve nice canapés at a trendy little bar," says Mr Parkes. Mr Taruschio's wife, Ann, shudders when she is asked about Michelin. "As far as I'm concerned they don't exist. I'd rather not think about them any longer," she says.

Dereck Brown, the guide's editor for 20 years, bristles at accusations that his publication is old-fashioned and unimaginative. "We follow the trends but we don't follow what is trendy," he says. "Many food fads are the talk of the town for a week and then they fade away. We are looking for consistency and some restaurants don't achieve a high standard every time we visit. If customers go to a restaurant expecting a star meal they don't want to be told that things are bad today but they were excellent yesterday.

"Not many so-called ethnic restaurants have food awards, but that's often because such establishments can be unstable. But in any case, the major influence on British cooking is western European and largely French. We don't invent that."

The guide, which sells about 80,000 copies in Britain and abroad, certainly maintains impeccable standards. Unlike other food guides, all nine Michelin inspectors come from the catering industry. During the a year they travel for 10 months, eat out twice a day and sleep in a wide variety of hotels, paying for everything. After a meal they will usually introduce themselves, talk to the chef or proprietor and inspect the kitchen. A starred restaurant will have been visited at least a *dozen times* in 12 months.

According to Mr Parkes, much of the guide's problems are that it is written by people who are innocent of the intricacies of public relations. "I have the greatest respect for the inspectors. They work very hard, but there's a suspicion from the trendy quarters of Notting Hill and Soho that they don't really know what's going on. And the guide isn't exactly an exciting read. It's very dry and very cold, with that exclusionist feel to the pages."

If the inspectorate is determined not to be swayed by the vagaries of fashion, then fashionable restaurants are becoming equally dismissive of the guide. Bibendum in Kensington, London, was cited by everyone I spoke to as a restaurant that has been unjustly deprived of star status. But Matthew Harris, the head chef, is unperturbed by the lack of recognition. "It would be nice to have a star, but it's not something I'm craving," he says. "I'd rather have a nice, happy, successful restaurant than one where everyone is frightened of the chef and Michelin is the only thing that matters."

Many in the trade agree that star-obsessed chefs fall into debt, are permanently exhausted and terrified to experiment in case they offend the inspectors' catholicism. And although Michelin stars can lead to lucrative book and television deals, and can be an excuse to raise prices, they have little affect on business if a restaurant is already packed every night.

David Adlard, at Adlard's in Norwich, who lost his one star two years ago and has just regained it, agrees that his status with Michelin makes little difference financially and can bind creatively. "It's true that without a star you can be more flexible in the type of food you serve."

Nonetheless, Mr Adlard is not complaining. "It's the kudos in the industry that matters," he says. "With a star you can puff your chest out and feel good. It may not make any difference to my business but it makes all the difference in my head."

- *The 1995 Michelin Red Guide to Hotels and Restaurants in Great Britain and Ireland* costs £11.95

The idol's flying feet of clay

Eric Cantona has been football's poet. Now he is its chief thug. **Charles Bremner** tackles the paradox

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Eric Cantona riding a Harley Davidson: "I am in love with Manchester United. It is like finding a wife who has given me the perfect marriage."

"We're *going to* start by showing you some loathsome pictures," the newsreader intoned with a weary air as he opened the broadcast on French television yesterday. The atrocity, it turned out, was in neither Bosnia nor Chechenia, but at Crystal Palace. "Cantona has blown a circuit yet again," the presenter concluded, after *screening the latest excess by* the Mozart of Manchester United and captain of France.

The tantrums of *Eric le diable*, the philosopher-painter of the football field, are ancient history in France, where a vicious tackle in 1988launched Cantona on a long career of suspensions. While the French federation promised "draconian punishment" yesterday, the experts *were musing on why it took* so long for the love affair between Cantona and England to turn sour. He has been sent off often enough since arriving *here in 1992, but indulgence* for his brooding, artistic soul has long overridden censure of the other side of what the Gallic sports writers call *le paradox Cantona* — his behaviour as a petulant thug.

Success is part of the explanation. After landing in England in 1992, Cantona helped to take Leeds United and then Manchester to the top, earning himself last year the coveted *title of players' player of the* year, an award that was exceptional in going not just to a Frenchman, but to a man who was under suspension at the time.

With his haughty Gallic style and existential murmurings about life and beauty, Cantona, now 28, has also benefited from his status as an eccentric in the English soccer world. Like Voltaire *and other French fugitives* from persecution, he has been embraced by the British as a charming and mysterious oddity. This in turn sends the *scribes wheeling references* to Joyce and van Gogh and "epigrammatic" footwork into their football commentary.

"England is the only country which puts up with Cantona's idiosyncrasies to the point of worshipping them," says Luc le Vaillant of *Libération*. The warm welcome has in turn — until now — partly tamed the hothead from Caillols, on the outskirts of Marseilles. "I am in love with Manchester United," he said recently. "It is like finding a wife who has given me the perfect marriage."

An uncontested genius when it comes to kicking leather in the right direction, Cantona is, to put it mildly, an original. How many footballers spend their spare hours daubing canvases and writing poetry, *or answer interviewers* with quotations from *cinéastes* of the *nouvelle vague*? No others, certainly, have written autobiographies in which they identify themselves with self-destructive rebels such as Jim Morrison, late of the Doors, *and Arthur Rimbaud*.

In the early years after Cantona burst on the scene, France too was charmed by the charismatic youth with the Pastis-scented twang of Provence. With mountain bandit looks inherited from Sardinian and Catalan grandfathers, he embodied the blend of sensitivity and pent-up violence so highly esteemed on the Left Bank. Pulses raced when he strode the Paris catwalk as a guest model for Paco Rabanne, the couturier.

But for all his genius the *enfant terrible* soon exasperated the Establishment. He *was suspended for a year for* calling Henri Michel, the national manager, a *sac de merde*. At Montpellier, he fought with team-mates. At Marseilles, he was suspended for throwing his shirt at the referee, a stunt he repeated at *Nimes with a ball. He mum*bled an insult at the FA's disciplinary committee. Asked to repeat the remark he walked up to each of the officials and yelled "idiot" in their faces. A ban of one month was doubled. When he stalked out of French club football more than three years ago, an official pronounced: "You can't be *judged like* any other player. Behind you there is a trail of the smell of sulphur."

This has not kept him from skippering the national side, without much success of late, but Cantona-phobes easily *outnumber his fans. A poll last* month by *L'Equipe*, the sports daily, found 70 per cent wanted him sacked. Cantona's bohemian pretensions are regularly pilloried in the person of "Picasso", the Cantona caricature in *Les Guignols de l'Info*, France's version of *Spitting Image*. The mockery is easy enough because much of Cantona's profanity-laden utterances, which often impress the British in translation as clever Gallic abstractions, come over as posturing gibberish. Take, for example, his recent response to criticism for his lack of patriotism. "Why should we respect *national* anthems? It's bullshit. Life is. You have to carry on with bullshit. That kills us. That kills us, all that. It kills me."

'The British love the soil, nature. They appreciate the true values'

Cantona's failure to master more than the rudiments of English have helped to perpetuate *the myth of him as* complex and misunderstood. It has sharpened his image as a reflective, quiet type who likes nothing more than a stroll in the countryside and evenings with his wife, Isabelle, an assistant French teacher at Leeds University, and his adored son Raphael, aged six.

Until Wednesday's outrage *at least, French admirers have* said England has saved Cantona's soul, allowing him personal peace to be a "loner in search of a dream". In the recent words of Geroge Scanlan, the player's interpreter at Manchester: "Cantona strikes one as a decent, polite, intelligent and compassionate young man as he tries to depict his attitude to life and football. He speaks with sincerity about such notions as *simplicité, vérité, beauté, intégrité, politesse, spontanéité*, and is strongly opposed to *inégalité, misère, pauvreté, insensibilité, injustice* and other social ills."

While Cantona is admired as "the first Frenchman to conquer England since William", he has annoyed his compatriots by gushing about *la vie anglaise*, from the marvellous school attended by Raphael to the healthy British *tradition of driving* to all matches by coach. He loves, he says, "le fighting spirit ... the eager pride which they exude when it *comes* to defending their colours, or those of the Crown". That comes from *Un rêve modeste et fou* (*A Modest and Crazy Dream*), the autobiography titled simply *My Story* in English. Last week he told *Le Figaro*: "The British love the soil, nature, animals. They appreciate the true values, among them sport. My father always made an effort to inculcate these in me. The rest is literature." In words that bear some irony now, he added: "I appreciate the sporting spirit of the supporters."

Ever the lover of paradox, Cantona says he has been so happy at Manchester because he is not expected to belong there. Comparing himself to Morrison, Rimbaud and other brief meteors, he says he defines his existence with the phrase: *"Je suis de passage."* This week's episode may ensure that he has now passed through the British phase.

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Sorry, but how should I apologise properly?

Americans know that saying sorry is both a science and an art form

RACHEL KELLY

AS A nation, we are famously bad at it. We apologise when we have nothing to apologise for. "Sorry," we say, "Have you got the time?" or "Sorry, but I think we might have met before". We even muddle whether to say "sorry" or "pardon". It is, says Drusilla Beyfus, the etiquette expert and author of *Modern Manners*, a hang-over from a class system in which the middle classes tried to ingratiate themselves with their superiors.

Yet when we need to apologise, most of us cling to Disraeli's maxim of never apologise, never explain. We don't like baring our souls. Well, we might look silly. Anyway, the greatest hypocrites *in history and literature*, beginning with Uriah Heep, are always saying sorry. Apologising is for wimps and we are almost certain to botch *our lines*.

How grateful, therefore, we should be to one Aaron Lazare, dean of the medical school at the University of Massachusetts. Writing in the latest issue of *Psychology Today*, Dr Lazare guides us through the dos and don'ts of modern apologising. There are strict rules to observe and the stakes are high. Failed *apologies can strain* relationships beyond repair or create lifelong grudges and bitter vengeance, he says.

The key is timing. The swiftness of the apology must be in direct proportion to the seriousness of the injury. Spill a cup of coffee? Apologise immediately. Say something rude? Wait about an hour.

"But if you have invaded another country and tortured or massacred its citizens, then it is wise to delay your apology by about 30 years as Boris Yeltzin did for Stalin's massacre at Katyn Forest in Poland *or the Japanese Imperial* Army did to the 'comfort women' whom they forced into Brussels," Dr Lazare writes. Apologise too early and you risk *having your apology* rejected.

There is no mileage in botched or pseudo-apology, he continues. He cites Richard Nixon's resignation speech in which he combined regretting deeply "any injuries that may have been done", with saying that "if some of my judgments were wrong — and some were wrong — they were made in what I believed at the time to be in the best interests of the nation". Such an apology enraged Nixon's *public as he failed to admit* specifically that he had done anything wrong.

A final Lazare tip for those in public life. If you insult publicly, you can't apologise in private.

Dr Lazare's maxims have been welcomed by our home-grown etiquette experts. The Americans, says Miss Beyfus, have much to teach us. America is peopled by such a melting-pot of races in search of correctness that the majority of writers on manners hail from across the pond, Miss Beyfus says — Emily Post, for example.

The Japanese are another nation who are good at *apologising* at least as far as Japanese business is concerned. A Japanese businessman accused of corruption will publicly apologise as part of his code of honour.

"Apologising has never been more important," Miss Beyfus says. "People are much franker nowadays and generally less considerate. There is a pop psychology emphasis on people speaking their *minds*. Therefore the ability to apologise properly has become ever more vital."

Even our politicians, it seems, are beginning to learn the importance of apologising after decades of ineptitude. Alistair Burt, the Social Services Minister, was to be heard recently apologising about the inefficiency of the Child Support Agency. Irish *politicians too are catching* the bug. Cardinal Daley last week in Canterbury said that as spiritual leader of the Irish he wished to apologise to the British.

Miss Beyfus adds several postscripts to the valuable guidance given by Dr Lazare. While she recognises the need to sometimes delay apologising, this should not mean that an apology is abandoned altogether. "It is an axiom of the truly polite that it is never too late to thank and never too late to apologise," Miss Beyfus says.

SHE stresses that a written apology is especially effective if in doubt. Once you have apologised, she continues, drop the subject. And "do it with dignity. If you grovel, it diminishes the importance of a true apology".

For those *stiff upper lips* who are still balking at the prospect of a world full of people saying sorry and meaning it, Miss Beyfus says that one category at least is excused from such rules. As the movie *Love Story* famously proclaimed, love means never having to say you're sorry.

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William Waldegrave on the cruelty of politics . . . and the inability of the public to connect dining and death

'My wife serves veal: she's a cook, after all'

MARTIN BEDDALL

William Waldegrave: "I probably lack the political skill of giving a satisfyingly obfuscatory answer . . . there is skill in talking clearly and simply, and I envy colleagues who are better at it"

To corroborate William Waldegrave's rational response to the animal fanatics one must turn to Aristotle, who defined the specific difference between the human and the non-human animal as the power of reasoned thought. (The non-human animal has sensation and imagination, but it has no ability to make judgments or form beliefs.)

There are few better examples of thinking man than Waldegrave. Fellow of All Souls, who had formed his first judgments and beliefs by the age of five (if his parliamentary profile is correct) and typed them out in a family newspaper: he was against Nye Bevan and in favour of hanging. "I was a lot more right-wing then," he says.

We were in his immense office at the agriculture ministry (Maff), where he first set foot at 12, when his father, now in his 90th year, was there. He knew when he took on this job that animal welfare was rumbling volcanically, more threatening than set-aside or the fate of fishermen. Calves-in-crates have propelled the British on to the streets in droves. "If I want to depress myself, I recall that one reason this has surged up is that I actually raised animal welfare on the agenda when setting out my stall at the party conference. There is a cruel law in politics that if you move in the direction people want to go, the very extreme lobby gets crosser than if you'd done nothing at all."

Emotion breeds sloppy thinking: "'Animal rights' is a bad slogan. It is not a good argument." But human responsibility to dumb creatures is acceptable to all. "It is we who have duties that go with civilised life.

"And we must also recognise the differences between animals themselves. It is perfectly clear that the higher apes have far more complex cognitive powers: but you must not fall into anthropomorphism." Vets may measure the stress of sheep packed in a lorry, which rises when they are unloaded; and rationally we observe that sheep, even when in fields, prefer huddling together, buffered by their wool. "Pigs are far more difficult," says Waldegrave. And on we go, through rabbits raised in Chinese shoe-boxes, to frogs which expire in pain after the removal of their delicious *cuisses*.

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

It reminds me of E.M. Forster's missionaries in *A Passage to India*, discussing the many mansions of the kingdom of heaven: does divine hospitality stop at mankind? Would it include monkeys? Of course. And jackals too? And wasps? Even the advanced young missionary "became uneasy during the descent to wasps". "Madness does lie down that route," says Waldegrave, aware that some believe that an uprooted carrot can feel pain. "We must hold on to rational ground," Waldegrave says firmly, "which is that unnecessary cruelty should be avoided.

"Some of this uproar is because people just don't like to think of the connection between what's on their plate, and death."

When a tasty *osso bucco* was served for him a dinner on Tuesday night, cooked by Maya Even's husband, he was certain it was the humanely-raised variety. "Contrary to what most people think, most Italian veal is really young beef. Some say we should knock them on the head at birth, but that's a real copout — they die to no purpose. Great chefs like the Roux brothers are very keen to say that the veal in their kitchens is humanely raised, because the false iron-free diet that makes them anaemic, soft and tender, also makes them tasteless."

Waldegrave looks healthier than he did at Health, and happier than he did on the Citizens' Charter, as he should be: a Minister of Agriculture who proclaims that some of his best friends are ordinary hardworking farmers.

I was told he had a bad cold (someone suggested jestingly that I should take him some Fishermen's Friend) which he blamed on Brussels and the air-conditioned *froideur* of the Commission. He had returned on the Eurostar train on Tuesday, fortunately missing the fire in the tunnel, bearing the 1995 equivalent of "peace for our time" . . . an EC agreement to bring forward a review of the use of veal crates.

He attributes this hopeful development to newfound allies, the Scandinavians with their fresh Nordic perspectives. He had expected a stony silence when he pointed out that the issue of humane calf-rearing could not be brushed aside. But to his defence came the formidable female from Denmark. "And then in came the Finn, and in came the Dutchman who said it couldn't happen too soon for him.

"The battle is by no means over yet, but the gathering momentum reminds me of the way environmental issues began to run in the early 1980s."

Though he has reason to be vexed, he refrains from complaint about the press, which pointed out gleefully that his wife includes veal recipes in her *Leith's Cookery Bible* ("she's a cook, for heaven's sake"), and which claimed even more gleefully that the minister himself exports calves destined for torture-crates from his Somerset farm. "I don't own 1,000 acres. I am a shareholder in a tenant farm, which I do not run. It is a perfectly ordinary dairy farm, like 10,000 others. I have not been shipping calves in veal crates. The calves go to market. My manager was honest enough to say he could not guarantee they do not end up in veal crates. I wish I *could* say our calves don't go to veal crates, but I can't guarantee it unless the rest of Europe abolishes the bloody things."

He was sorry that "my poor brother", the inoffensive, cheese-producing Viscount Chewton, had been drawn into the fray, and was touched by the solidarity of the villagers of Chewton, who formed a *cordon sanitaire* against hordes of newsmen, pretending hayseed ignorance of anyone called Waldegrave.

He was pleased to have been given a Jak cartoon showing him covered in sticking plaster, on the day razor blades were posted to him — because one of the four children in the drawing looked exactly like his youngest, Harriet. The Waldegraves try to balance work and family life: his wife does the school runs and allows him to choose all her clothes, and at the end of their long working days they may be found playing tennis (they are evenly matched). Only the impossibility of seeing enough of his children causes him to sadly shake his curls.

Lean and abstemious, he cannot compete with Nicholas Soames in shouting about eating for Britain, and he will never please all the famously grousing farmers ("though farmers are doing rather well now, except for the crash in the price of pigs, and the potato shortage"). He had been up at six that morning, to visit the traders at the New Covent Garden Market, and had just lunched with the bosses of Grand Met, celebrating British supremacy in the drinks industry.

Descendant of two Prime Ministers and a Speaker, incomparably well-connected, he is a highly-bred politician of conspicuous decency whose assumption that others' thought processes are as reasoned as his own can have painful consequences.

Anyone who has children, he says, would have said (as he did to a Select Committee) that there are circumstances when it is better to lie: at which the sky fell on his head. "I had the following conversation with John Humphrys on the *Today* programme": *JH: "Minister, you seem to have landed yourself in great trouble here."*

WW: "Well, I said what I thought was an obvious truth."

JH: "Well, shouldn't you have said something different?"

WW: "You mean, tell a lie, John?"

"Whereupon he had the grace to laugh.

"I probably lack the political skill," he says, "of giving a satisfyingly obfuscatory answer. But there is a real skill in talking clearly and simply, and I envy colleagues who are better at it." Who? "Ken Clarke is good in that respect. And John Prescott."

But what kind of compassion is it that is galvanised so intensely towards calves rather than humans. Like the anti-abortion campaigners in the United States who find no contradiction in murdering people in the name of life, the animal rights people send him letters with threats more eloquent than razor blades.

"When I was at Harvard in 1970, I heard a lecturer on guerrilla warfare predict that one day animal terrorism would emerge, because all terrorists would be eventually deserted by their constituents, who would say, 'we're sick of you blowing up children in our name, we've had enough' . . . while animals can never say that." Animal liberation is the ideal populist concern precisely because the victims are dumb, unaware of friends or enemies, and infinitely exploitable.

"On the other hand," he says, "one holds on to the underlying sanity of the population."

Rue Britannia, it's time to go

Libby Purves on whether we should update our national symbol's image

Poor old Britannia: all those years of standing around in all weathers in draughty, off-the-shoulder draperies, only to be written off as "staid, aggressive and unapproachable". The building society which bears her name has scrubbed her from the logo because it wishes to be seen as "bright, cheerful, progressive and modern": the Anneka Rice of financial services rather than Britannia. It is a severe snub for the poor old girl.

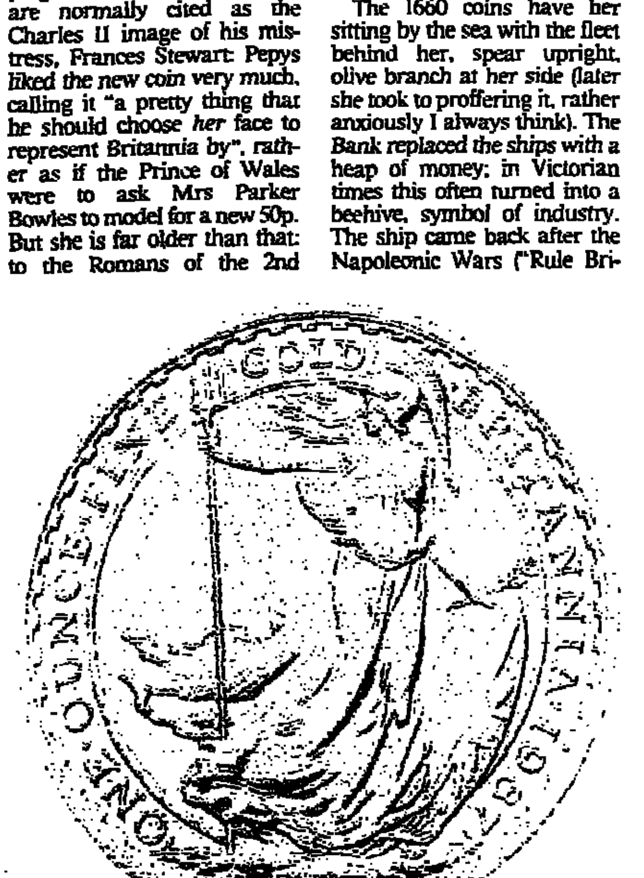
In fact, this is the second year running that our national symbol has been denounced. Myself, I put it down to a continuing subconscious reaction against Lady Thatcher, whose image with a trident so memorably decorated the front page of *The Sun* on Election Day 1983. There is something about John Major's Britain which finds it difficult to cope with Britannia (although Teresa Gorman might consider dressing up for her next photo-opportunity with the Lowestoft fishermen).

Last year's attack was from even closer to the centre of the Establishment. A Bank of England wit, Roger Woodley, mounted an investigation of Britannia's credentials for the Bank's admirably cheeky staff magazine, *The Old Lady*. His conclusion was that Britannia was an unsuitable tercentenary image for the Bank and should retire. Why, he demands, if she conveys British power and confidence, is she sitting down? The building society's logo is almost the only standing Britannia anywhere. Moreover, her outfit is in his view unsuitable in a feminist age, and, worst of all, she is gazing at a pile of obsolete cash. "Don't let us deceive ourselves," says Mr Woodley, "that in an age of electronic funds transfer and a European central bank, this ancient and ambiguous war victim is contemporary."

To Mr Woodley's research I am indebted, though, for her poignant history. Her origins are normally cited as the Charles II image of his mistress, Frances Stewart: Pepys liked the new coin very much, calling it "a pretty thing that he should choose *her* face to represent Britannia by", rather as if the Prince of Wales were to ask Mrs Parker Bowles to model for a new 50p. But she is far older than that: to the Romans of the 2nd century, Britannia represented Britain subjugated. She appears on Hadrian's coin of AD119 as a captive, and on later ones as a warlike but defeated Boadicea. It took 1,500 years to forgive her, but after Charles II's innovation her reputation took off.

The 1660 coins have her sitting by the sea with the fleet behind her, spear upright, olive branch at her side (later she took to proffering it, rather anxiously I always think). The Bank replaced the ships with a heap of money; in Victorian times this often turned into a beehive, symbol of industry. The ship came back after the Napoleonic Wars ("Rule Britannia" was written in 1740), and by the end of the century she had a trident to rule the waves with. By 1850 Daniel Maclise produced the version now on the £20 note, a stout pacific figure bearing a close resemblance to Victoria.

Mr Woodley, after taking a bit of trouble with a better magnifying glass than mine, reports that on the current £10 note she has "a rather baffled expression" and bees buzzing around her bonnet: and on the fiver she has "a self-confident and youthful appearance, more of a career type, with prominent laurels". On the 50p coin she has a helmet and a lion, but retains her nervous habit of shoving the olive branch out in front of her. On the £10 stamp, by contrast, the olive branch is over her shoulder and the trident pushed aggressively forward; but her arm on the shield gives the worrying impression that she is sitting in a wheelchair.



In 1987, Britannia's trident is aggressively pushed out

Obviously, something must be done. Decisions like this are too important to be left to building societies: we must make our minds up whether we want poor old Britannia or not. Maybe a grand gesture is needed. Mr Woodley says that in 1800 it was proposed to erect a gigantic statue of her on the Observatory Hill at Greenwich: 230ft high, she would be "the point from which the world is measured".

The money ran out. But the designs may be still around: maybe the Millennium Commission should have a look. It would, of course, be tasteless to suggest that the future Charles III should ask Mrs Parker Bowles to model. But Mrs Gorman might oblige.

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Why we need a referendum

Sir James Goldsmith launches a new party with a single aim

Even the most ardent supporters of full European integration now recognise that Maastricht went too far. It awakened public opinion and unleashed a powerful backlash among all the peoples of Europe.

The wiser federalists understood that the greatest advances towards a unitary European State were achieved during the quiet periods when new initiatives were disguised as economic measures and the debate about federalism was muted. Indeed, Claude Cheysson, the former French Foreign Secretary, who was subsequently appointed to the European Commission, explained the position clearly in an interview, proudly stating that the Europe of Maastricht could only have been built in the absence of democracy, and that the problems now faced by the federalists are the result of having made the mistake of allowing an open discussion.

The German ruling party, the Christian Democrats, made the tactical error of casting subterfuge to the winds. They published their programme, calling publicly for a federal European state with a bi-cameral parliament and a single government. In other words, a supranational, unitary "State of Europe". When discussing monetary union and the single currency, they ceased to pretend that the purpose was economic. Karl Lamers, the principal author of the programme, stated that "monetary union is of course the highest and purest form of integration. Through it, national sovereignty would be transferred to a European body in which experts not bound by instructions from their governments would take decisions by majority vote. To put it as succinctly as possible, monetary union is part, indeed an essential part of political union."

Such truthfulness created a profound public reaction. Thus the federalists, without altering their ultimate objective, were forced to change their tactics. They have returned to dissimulation, misinformation and asphyxiation of public debate.

To restore a state of semi-somnolence, leading politicians are now proclaiming that during the forthcoming Inter-governmental Conference they will not accept any fundamental changes, indeed any constitutional changes. The federalist party line is that we should all relax and stop worrying, as nothing significant will be allowed to emerge.

But that is precisely why we should worry. The purpose of the conference is to provide the instrument to make whatever changes are necessary to the way the European Union has been constructed. And changes are vital, because Maastricht has already created conditions which inevitably will lead to a supranational European state run by an unelected commission in Brussels, masked by a veneer of democracy supplied by the European Parliament. If left unchanged, Maastricht will progressively destroy the culture, heritage, identity and sovereignty of European nations.

Doing nothing significant during the Inter-governmental Conference is not an act of defiance and courage. It is the abdication of duty. The conference must reconstruct Maastricht so that Europe returns to the vision of a family of nations and rejects the false utopia of a supranational, technocratic state in which all European nations would be fused.

The forthcoming referendum on Europe must allow the nation to vote not on the particularities that might emerge from the conference, not on any single aspect of Maastricht or its plans for unification, but on the proposals taken as a whole. A great national debate must take place which considers the overall project for Europe, that is to say Maastricht along with any changes emerging from the conference. We must be able to see the whole package. As this is the most momentous political decision in our lifetimes, we must all be able to vote on the outcome.

I very much hope that the politicians will realise that they do not have the right to impose their will without public debate and a free vote, and that they will agree, quite naturally, to hold a referendum. The precise question asked can only be determined after the conference, but it must be clear and fair. The terms of the debate must allow equal time for those in favour and those against. The split will not be along party lines, and therefore the tools for campaigning must not be shared along those lines.

> We must have a say in this momentous decision

However, if the major political parties refuse to allow the nation to vote, then it will be necessary to organise the British equivalent of a "popular initiative" referendum. In Switzerland, 50,000 people can force the government to hold a referendum. Similar arrangements exist in certain states of America.

In Britain too there is a way of taking back the right to decide. It is to form a new, single purpose, non partisan, political party. This we have done and it is called the Referendum Party. Its programme consists of one item only: obtaining a referendum on Europe if the political parties do not supply one.

If necessary, the Referendum Party will field general election candidates in each Westminster constituency where the sitting MP, or the selected candidates of the main parties, are not openly and irrevocably committed to a fair referendum. As soon as an adequate Referendum Bill has been passed in Parliament, members of the party would resign their seat, and the party would dissolve itself. This rule has been explicitly written into the Party's constitution. The Referendum Party would have no other political objectives. The purpose of its existence is simply to ensure that, should the politicians refuse, the citizens of the United Kingdom will nonetheless have an opportunity to decide for themselves their future in Europe.

The Final Question

Fifty years after Russian troops arrived at Auschwitz, there is still no explanation of what they found there

Bernard Levin

My name is Levin, and Levin is almost always a Jewish name. I am a Jew. I am not at all a good Jew — I take no part in the religion of my forefathers, and indeed I am so *déraciné* that the only clue to my Jewishness (because the myth of Jewish noses was exploded long ago) is that I am circumcised. (No, come to think of it, there is one other indelible mark I carry — whenever I hear of a Jew having done wrong I feel a stab of pain.)

And yet, exactly 50 years ago to the day, I discovered — what the world could not have believed until then — that had the Second World War been lost, I, and all my family, together with every other Jewish family in Britain, would have been murdered, for no reason at all other than that we were Jews. And not long after that, I learnt that approximately six million Jews *had* indeed been murdered, again for no better reason.

Surely, this is a phenomenon that requires from all of us the most searching examination?

Of course; but you will find, to your great astonishment, that every attempt to understand what this truly incredible event means comes up against a wall of incomprehension. It happened, and it happened as I said; but we cannot understand *how* it happened, and *a fortiori* we cannot understand *why* it happened.

By coincidence, a reader sent me a letter a few days ago, asking me to solve the mystery. This is what he asked:

> My dilemma lies in the question, how can a civilised nation condone mass murder? We know that the Germans were and are a highly cultured and civilised people . . . Nothing separates us other than geographical boundaries. If one refuses, as I do [*and as I do too* — B.L.], to accept the premise that these crimes were a secret known only to a few (and no one, German or otherwise can deny the public vilification of the Jews after 1933), then this question must be addressed. I do wish that some of those who were involved in the programme of genocide would stand up and explain their "rationale".

So touching was my correspondent's letter, that I replied immediately. This is what I said:

> I cannot give you an answer, because I have never found one. I have a substantial shelf of Holocaust studies, many very profound and detailed, but that question has never — as far as I know — been answered. And the Germans and the villains themselves have failed to answer. One day some scholar will find the answer, but that day is not yet.

One more quotation, very relevant: it comes from a letter in *The Sunday Telegraph*:

> There are no degrees of mass murder: Mao is not a greater criminal than Stalin because he killed twice as many people. Mass murder is an absolute crime and there are no degrees to it.
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> What, however, makes Hitler's mass murder of the Jews unique is that he tried, and well nigh succeeded, to exterminate *all* the Jews, men, women and children in his grasp. Every person of Jewish descent from Paris to Kiev, knew that he and his family were condemned to ill-treatment and death. Whereas every Russian knew that there was a one in 10 chance of his being sent to the Gulag . . . every Jew in occupied Europe knew that he and his family were condemned to torment and death.

Arbeit macht frei. I think that of all the words and in all the languages since speech has existed, those words are the three most wicked. They are German for "Work makes freedom", and what makes them uniquely evil is that they were framed over the arch of the gate of Auschwitz, where countless human beings died, and died deaths as horrible as death itself can be.

Arbeit macht frei. Germans have always been credited with efficiency and thoroughness; they proved it at the gate of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where a complicated internal railway system had been built to bring the doomed to the gas chambers. (The trains, unlike Mussolini's, ran on time.)

Arbeit macht frei. All over the East, and for years, those crematoria smoked. They smoked just like coal, to make heat; surely they thought that there was no difference between those coal-fed chimneys and the familiar fuel burnt in countless hearths to warm countless drawing-rooms?

Arbeit macht frei. Just what did the Russian scouts think when they pushed open the gates of hell? Of course, they would have been to a great extent inured — after all, Stalin was not in awe of the Queensberry Rules, and by now his soldiers weren't either, even if they ever had been. But what the Russians saw — the heaps, the mounds, the pyres, the *mountains* of naked, murdered corpses — what did they make of it?

Arbeit macht frei. Do you know that there are aged Jews in Britain and the United States and Europe (not many left in Europe) who, taxed with the terrible Jewish conundrum — where was the Jewish God when the millions went to the gas-chambers? — rejoice in God's bounty for sparing a few? *Arbeit macht frei*, indeed.

"What hast thou done? The voice of my brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." Yes, six million such voices, and yet we still cannot understand how, in the centre of civilised Western Europe, we have nothing to say but "now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood". All the avenues along which we went, thinking that we might find the answer, were one by one found wanting; shaking our heads, we finished as ignorant as we started.

What will the future think of us? What will our descendants say of us? One answer is almost too terrible to offer. Did you watch, on BBC television the other night, among the massive series of Holocaust sights and thoughts and horrors, the part given to the Jews of Hungary?

For a time, Hitler had left the wily Hungarians alone, and at one point in the struggle, it looked as though Hungary's Jews might escape the plague. Alas, they did not, and went to their deaths with the rest. But the Hungarian-Jewish march of death was recorded by the cameras, and that is what I am drawing your attention to, if you did not see it. The commentator spoke of the huge march through the middle of Budapest; he recorded the dreadful fact that the endless line contained 400,000 men, women and children, and then the cameras took over. What they showed was a tidy, orderly, evenly paced march, with very few Nazis and guards. And I must ask my question, though by now I hardly have the strength to do so. It is: why didn't they run away? There were 400,000 in that march, and they marched to their deaths neatly and tidily. Yes, if they had broken step and run for it, many would have been immediately shot, others would have been caught and killed, others would have been denied refuge: but *four hundred thousand*?

It is not for us to rebuke the dead: indeed, I think I have already gone too far. Would *you* change places? Would you even try to understand the dilemma?

I return, inevitably, to where I started. I do not know how or why the greatest evil in history grew and flourished in such harmless-looking soil. (As my correspondent said, "We know that the Germans were and are a highly cultured and civilised people".)

But I ask again: what will posterity say? That such things must never happen again? Easily said, easily said. What will the grandchildren of a few more generations understand? And a few more generations still? How many generations must pass for the Holocaust to be one with Nineveh and Tyre? What do we actually know about William the Conqueror? Nothing but that he came here in 1066? Yes, the Holocaust was unique (and pray God it remains so), but will the children of a century hence feel as we do?

Arbeit macht frei. If a child studying the German language were asked by his teacher what the words mean, the studious child would not only translate it correctly but would think it a very useful and honourable motto. And if the child was told the other meaning of the words? What then? Would the child understand what he was being told? Or would he dismiss it as something that happened a long time ago?

There is no answer to my questions. But I am still a Jew, and I still cannot understand why Jehovah chose to save the Jews of Britain but not of elsewhere. One day, we may find the key. Until then, we can only give thanks, and sing the most beautiful of all the Hebrew melodies: "Kaddish". A pity that it is the prayer for the dead.

Philip Howard

■ Philosophy is alive and kicking — for athletes make fine thinkers

Eric Cantona is a philosopher as well as a footballer. Because he is French, he is not ashamed to own up to the shameful charge of being an intellectual. When he arrived at Manchester United, he told a local interviewer that his interests included existentialism and Rimbaud. Luckily the fans read this quotation as the French pronunciation for staying alive after a scything tackle and Rambo, and accordingly shouted "Ooh, Ah, Cantona" rather than "Yah Hoo, Cantona". Eric as Christian name has surged in popularity in the North-East because of his popular metaphysics as well his legs and his exotic good looks.

Some of his fans are to publish a philosophical fanzine of his *Pensées*, such as, "Playing football is like caressing a beautiful woman" and "Like philosophy, football is a route of many strikers leading from nowhere to the red card".

The popular image of philosophers is as sedentary carrel potatoes of the library, incompetent to tie their laces. Or for thinkers as indecisive as Descartes, unable to make up their minds on which foot to put which boot, because they are not sure whether the foot exists. This stereotype is unkind and untrue. Samuel Beckett got his name into *Wisden*, the only Nobel laureate so far, as a left-handed medium pace bowler and opening batsman. A doctoral thesis is there for an ambitious postgraduate on how *Waiting for Godot* is an existential meditation on waiting for the right ball to cut, and never receiving it.

Albert Camus kept goal for Algeria. As he observed in *Le Mythe de Sisyphe*, "The *lutte* to dive the right way a split second before the penalty is taken will make a goalie's heart swell. Sisyphus must be regarded as happy." Other philosophical goalkeepers include the Pope, Enrique Iglesias, the Urugayan international official and thinker, and Vladimir Nabokov, "Goalkeeper, light of my life, fire of my loins". None of them is English, but then the English are no longer much good at football — or even philosophy.

David Sheppard and Mike Brearley are intellectual cricketers of the kind England sorely misses. Bertrand Russell played tennis, an obligatory sport for the Bloomsberries, though his most athletic activities took place in the bedroom without much consideration for his partner.

British commentators snigger at the World Cup when Latin American footballers called Socrates and Aristotle perform wonders. But the original Socrates fought well in the front row of the scrum at internationals between Athens and Sparta. He is said to have saved the life of Alcibiades at Potidaea, and his dogged defence in the rout at Delium was noted by the contemporary correspondents. Plato was not a team player, but his idea of ideal forms came from the real world, perhaps from some such solipsistic sporting activity as the breast-stroke in still water.

Despite his hunchback, Kant was a keen walker obsessive about his timing. People knew he was dead only because he failed to turn up with arms flailing at his invariable time. To judge by his sketches, Leonardo may have been the first Icarus of the hang-glider or helicopter, and when Duns Scotus debated the number of angels who could dance on the point of a pin, the pin in his mind was the one on the green of the 18th at St Andrews. Dr Johnson refuted that immaterial striker, Bishop Berkeley, by booting the ball low into the corner of the net.

Augustine admitted that he was keen on sports in his youth. Galileo bowled donkey-drops from a height more influential in his day than Shane Warne. And Francis Bacon philosophised: "To spend too much time in studies is sloth." Putting this philosophy into play, he then caught his death of cold in primitive winter sports at the Flask tavern on Highgate Hill.

The notion that intellectuals are never any good at games derives from the conflict between swots and hearties at public schools, or in travesties of them such as Greyfriars and St Trinians. Eric Cantona confused his philosophy with his football, and came up with "I kick, therefore I am". Being French, he is an excitable idealist rather than an empirical Anglo-Saxon footballer who kicks other philosophers only when off camera.

THE TIMES DIARY

Czech out

DISAPPOINTMENT hangs heavy over the college courts at Cambridge. Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic, is going to turn down the offer of an honorary degree.

The university hoped that Havel would be the star among this year's honorary degree nominees, whose names will be published in the spring.

The crumple-suited president and playwright was invited to accept the honour in early December. "Overtures were made to him in the Czech Republic. And because the letter was sent by recorded delivery we knew he had received it," says a university source.

By yesterday, however, the university hadn't heard a squeak from the president's office, so I took the liberty of making one or two inquiries myself. One of Havel's henchmen claimed the letter had only just arrived. A reply was being drafted, he said and, sadly, it would be negative.

"President Havel has no plans to visit Britain this year," said the guttural official. "He has many different offers and only rarely can he accept them. He usually gets offered one or two degrees on each journey and he already has honorary degrees from all around the world." Havel is also unable to accept an invitation to deliver a lecture at Oxford University, he added, but would consider an honorary degree from Cambridge if it suited his timetable in another year.

● *Eric Cantona is not the only one with an eye for a sharp move. After his Kung-fu kick at a spectator on Wednesday night, his publisher has brought forward publication of his book,* La Philosophie de Cantona, *by a month to next Thursday. No launch party, though. "Eric's a bit out of the picture at the moment," says a spokeswoman.*

Key change

THE PRECOCIOUS teenage violinist Vanessa-Mae Nicholson, whose £200,000 fiddle was stolen from under her chin recently, was nothing if not a fashion victim on Wednesday at the launch of her new CD in a London nightclub.

During the course of a nimble-fingered recital lasting just half an hour, the 16-year-old felt the need to change her outfit half a dozen times. The series of figure-hugging costumes, including silver lycra, spangly sequins, PVC and velvet, detracted somewhat from her virtuosity. But Vanessa-Mae's mother, Pamela (electric blue blouse festooned with black lace), felt she could have gone further. "I think Vanessa's taste is conservative actually."

Nailed

THE HOUSE of Commons barber's shop may care to expand its facilities. Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, was spotted last week having a manicure. The MP for Enfield Southgate was talking to traders in his constituency when he was nobbled, and before anyone could say "nail varnish", he was sitting down for a buff.

Manicurist Maria Eli concluded that the minister's nails were in "very good shape".

White night

THE SNOW burying northern England on Wednesday night brought out a healthy wartime spirit among more than 300 people stranded overnight at the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds. The cheerleader was Prunella Scales, who is directing a production of Alan Bennett's *Getting On* at the Playhouse. She was ably assisted by Emma Thompson's mum, Phyllida Law.

Prunella Scales and Phyllida Law (*centre*) enjoy a cuppa

The theatre opened its doors to all and sundry after the performance of the appropriately named play, *The Winter Guest*. Story-telling and singing round the piano ensued, and tea and hip-flasks sustained everyone until they dropped in the early hours. "It was truly a Blitz spirit," says one old boy who was there. "We had people coming in all night. One couple were planning to get married in the morning. I hope they made it."

● *As her mother bivouacked in Yorkshire, Emma Thompson was at the Royal Opera House with Giorgio Armani to see Jonathan Miller's* Cosi fan tutte, *for which Armani designed the costumes. Unlike Thompson, Miller didn't wear a designer outfit. He stuck to his trusty tweeds.*

P·H·S

QUESTIONS FOR NOLAN

The public standards committee has made a poor start

Peter Lilley's suggestion that ministers be paid more and backbenchers less is one of the most radical to have been put forward since the current debate on ethical standards in public life began. It can certainly be argued that politicians in ministerial office are underpaid by past standards: the Social Security Secretary was perfectly entitled to make that point again. But his proposal for ordinary parliamentarians was far more challenging. Backbenchers, he said, should have a smaller salary "to encourage them to take outside interests which I believe enriches Parliament".

In November, after weeks of public anxiety about alleged political corruption, the Prime Minister gave warning that the House of Commons must not become a "hiring fair". His high moral tone was bold but seemed to bear scant relation to the complex reality of Parliament in the age of career politicians and lobbyists. Mr Lilley, in contrast, makes a virtue of necessity. He questions the assumption that MPs damage the moral life of Parliament by accepting outside consultancies; he suggests, moreover, that the quality of parliamentary debate is enhanced by the representation of these interests.

This vision of the modern MP as a representative of special interests as well as of a geographic consituency will not find universal favour. It is, however, a realistic vision, in contrast to many of the more sanctimonious claims that have been made about ethical standards in the political world since last year's "cash-for-questions" affair. The reason that more MPs than ever are accepting consultancies and other fees is not because they have suddenly become more corrupt or immoral. It is because their lives have become much more focused upon the life of the House. As government has expanded, as the volume of legislation has increased and constituency work grown, few politicians have been been able to pursue careers outside the Commons. They have turned, therefore, to sources of income which enable them to capitalise on their position in Parliament.

Some would take issue with Mr Lilley and claim that the current system is in need of drastic regulation. As chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, Lord Nolan must listen to both sides. There have been unsettling signs, however, that he has already made up his mind on a number of points. After only three sessions of his committee's hearings, he appeared to have concluded that the rules governing MPs' connection with lobbyists needed to be stricter and that his committee should consider "the possible introduction of an independent element into Parliament's current arrangements for self-regulation". This was an extraordinarily sweeping remark at so early a stage in the proceedings.

Given the exemplary manner in which Sir Richard Scott conducted his own inquiry into the arms-for-Iraq affair, it is odd that Lord Nolan should make this elementary mistake. The Nolan committee cannot afford to appear decided or even predisposed on any point at so early a stage. So far, its proceedings have seemed worryingly ill-focused. There has been little sense of the scale of the questions under consideration nor of the need to construct an intellectual framework within which to make sense of them. The choice of witnesses has been eclectic but eccentric. There has been no real effort to establish first principles or to delve deeply into the historic background to public morality in this country. It is clear that the inquiry needs to commission far more research and must not rely on its hearings alone. Last year, the Prime Minister claimed that the Nolan committee would be an "ethical workshop"; its members still have time to justify his trust.

FRANCE REQUESTS

But EU money is not the answer to Algeria's war

France's attempt to rally its European partners behind the embattled military Government in Algeria is meeting increasing resistance. So too are proposals from Paris for a huge increase in European Union aid to North Africa. Most of France's partners see no immediate threat to their own security. But for the French, the civil war in Algeria looms large as an immediate threat to their overseas interests and to the large immigrant community of North Africans. Charles Pasqua, the tough Interior Minister, has given warning of a wave of fundamentalist violence on French streets. Others predict the arrival of thousands of refugees fleeing the collapse of pro-Western governments. For the French, the memory of the 8th-century Muslim conquests, finally halted by Charles Martel at Poitiers, is never far away.

Algeria touches too many political nerves in France to allow a neutral stance towards the Islamic insurgency. The loss of the rich North African colony, once seen as an inalienable part of metropolitan France, has long been accepted as a political fact. But the circumstances of the humiliating defeat by FLN guerrillas and the subsequent flight of more than a million colonists are emotional reefs that can shipwreck any government, even 30 years later. Because of its long colonial history, France believes both that it has a peculiarly close relationship with Islam and that it must remain in the vanguard of the fight against the excesses of Islamic radicalism.

France's European partners have been trying quietly to help France out of the cul-de-sac into which its blinkered support for the military government of President Zeroual has led it. But the murder of several dozen French citizens, the hijacking of French aircraft and the threat to French interests in North Africa have only deepened the engagement of Paris in a civil war where victory looks increasingly remote. The French foreign ministry has attempted to distance itself from the uncompromising line of M Pasqua. But election rhetoric makes it impossible for any politician to stand back from the fight against Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) fundamentalism.

Instead, France is now trying to enlist its partners in the crusade. M Pasqua has publicly criticised Britain, Germany and other EU partners for being too lax in surveillance of FIS activists. France wants to use its presidency of the EU to bolster the position of moderate government by a massive increase in aid to combat unemployment, poverty and social disparities — the ingredients from which Islamic activists fashion their deadly recipe for revolution. France is pressing for a tougher Europe-wide response to fundamentalist terrorism, and is exploiting every informal meeting of EU ministers to wring electoral advantage from the agenda.

Britain rightly welcomes a better co-ordinated approach to terrorism. Indeed, with so many fundamentalist groups now establishing themselves in London, the Government should not be too cavalier in dismissing French warnings about the threat to friendly governments. But this does not mean a blanket endorsement of the other extravagant French proposals. The squandering of money could only fuel the politics of resentment in North Africa. If help is needed, let the southern EU countries open up their markets. France is right to focus attention on Europe's southern neighbours; but not at the expense of what is being achieved in reuniting the eastern half of the Continent with the West.

DON'T MISS THEIR TRICKS

Bridge is not merely a social game

How can a raise impoverish you, a ruff be lethal, a finesse be foolish? Bridge, according to Hilaire Belloc, goes with women and champagne — a disgraceful association which the poet used to satirise corrupt politicians and war profiteers in 1923, but which is nowadays quite enough to recommend it to most of us.

Those who repair to the White House Hotel near Regent's Park today to watch the last day of the Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship will have their share of glamour. The invited experts at this most spectator-friendly of bridge tournaments include that exemplar of elegance, Omar Sharif, whose partner this time is the no less flamboyant Zia Mahmood. Ranged against them are most of the meanest players alive, led by Bob Hamman, the highest rated player in the game. By yesterday afternoon the world's number one pair, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell, had moved up to take the lead, closely followed by two French pairs, the defending champions Adam Zmudzinski and Cezary Balicki of Poland and the best British pair, Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson. The result remains wide open.

Most people, of course, play bridge for fun rather than for gold or blood; the motivations of the professionals remain a mystery. The social pleasures of bridge are, indeed, among its chief attractions. Throwing off its middle-aged image, bridge is now increasingly played among the young. Unlike most indoor and outdoor games, it is equally popular with both sexes; unlike poker, it has always been acceptable at every level of polite society.

World-class bridge is another story. "If the public image of bridge is of a social game that is 85 per cent mindless chit-chat, they are greatly in error," Bob Hammond told *The Times* earlier this week. "It's tough, it's mean, it's a nasty game." That much bridge has in common with its greatest rival, chess. But there the comparison breaks down.

"It's not a game like chess where the best player always wins," argues Mr Hamman. Certainly bridge includes an uncertainty principle that chess lacks, whether one calls it luck or risk-taking. To that extent it is less purely intellectual, and more closely resembles most people's experience of life.

Bridge is also a much newer game than chess: in its modern form, contract bridge, it dates only from the 1920s. It is thus a game that is still in its infancy; hence Mr Hammond's remark: "There's lots of room for everybody to get better in bridge. The best player plays terribly and the rest play worse." By supporting the Macallan Championship, *The Times* intends to help the worst players as well as the best to come up trumps. Kibbitzing (looking over the shoulders of the experts) is instructive as well as enjoyable. And for all of us, that elusive grand slam is just round the corner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Future of British nuclear industry

From Dr Mary Archer, Chairman, National Energy Foundation, and others

Sir, While the media are focusing attention on the issue of shares in the power generators, decisions made in the next few months concerning the future of the nuclear industry could have greater significance for how Britain produces its energy needs well into the next century.

Today, Britain's nuclear industry keeps around 100,000 people in work, is a major export earner and supplies almost one third of Britain's electricity. The industry's future, though, has been dogged by uncertainty for five years and is currently undergoing a review by the Government.

When Sizewell B, Britain's first pressurised water reactor, comes on line in a few months, the nuclear industry's contribution to electricity supply is set to increase. However, without a continuing government commitment to the industry, and by that we do not necessarily mean financial, the nuclear industry's share of the electricity market could decline to around 3 per cent by 2020, as existing plant is decommissioned.

There is a strong case for the maintenance of the nuclear industry's existing market share of electricity supply and for the building of new nuclear power stations. By maintaining the nuclear industry at roughly its current level Britain will be able to maintain a balance of energy options including gas, coal and renewable energy sources. Such an approach would give Britain security of electricity supply.

Failure on this point could result in this country being over-reliant, early next century, on gas. Two thirds of the world's gas reserves are based in the politically turbulent regions of Russia and the Middle East.

Research last summer by Gallup for the British Nuclear Industry Forum, which we support, reveals that over 90 per cent of the public approve the need for a balanced energy approach. Over half the public believe that nuclear should be included in a balanced energy portfolio.

Yours faithfully,
MARY ARCHER
(Chairman, National Energy Foundation),
GAVIN LAIRD
(General Secretary, Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union),
CECIL PARKINSON
(Secretary of State for Energy, 1987-89),
WAKEHAM
(Secretary of State for Energy, 1989-92),
WILLIAM WEIR
(Chairman, The Weir Group, Plc).
British Nuclear Industry Forum,
22 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
January 24.

Red Cross appeal

From Mr John Hines

Sir, Your editorial, "A mission to care" (January 16), notes that volunteer membership of the Red Cross has fallen from 200,000 to 90,000 in the last ten years.

Sadly, this is, to some extent, a self-inflicted wound. One cause has been the imposition of compulsory retirement ages for some volunteer jobs regardless of whether those concerned are capable of carrying on. Also local volunteers may have become disenchanted and left because of policy changes forced on them by central management.

Your editorial mentions the lending of wheelchairs and medical equipment. However, on orders from headquarters, as from this month the range of equipment which can be loaned will be reduced and charges will be made in all cases, regardless of the circumstances. Thus someone requiring a wheelchair will be charged £5 per week plus a deposit.

Our branch has always supplied such items without charge to local people. Our delivery note mentions that donations will be welcome and, in the main, borrowers have responded generously.

The new cost-dominated policy of charging runs contrary, I believe, to the ethos of the Red Cross. After 20 years of delivering medical equipment I am seriously considering becoming yet another volunteer to leave.

I do not expect "RX" to grind to a halt as a result and I wish it well, especially with its international work, but I shall consider my leaving a sad decision which has rather been forced on me by RX policy and management.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HINES,
Flat 3, 20 Pevensey Road,
St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.
January 17.

From Mr Andrew Sewell

Sir, Today's leader reminds those of us who were prisoners of war that, in addition to the community services carried out by the Red Cross, we were provided with food parcels and communication links, which had quite often to surmount considerable obstacles. We will no doubt be remembering thankfully our release from captivity 50 years ago, in my case in August 1945. I suggest, therefore, that we should all make a contribution to the appeal on this anniversary in memory of the help and encouragement we received in our time of need.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW SEWELL,
Bay House, Aldbourne,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
January 16.

Senior executives' pay in the privatised industries

From Mr Gavin Peck

Sir, The Government's trust in the power of shareholders to curb senior executives' pay is misplaced.

Institutions are the largest shareholders in the stock market and their chief executives are themselves highly paid. They are therefore hardly well placed to urge moderation on the management of companies in which they have invested. In fact, it is probably in the interests of those who occupy the high ground to encourage others to "dash for cash", if only to spread the opprobrium.

If the Government is sufficiently concerned it might consider a tax regime which actively encourages personal investment in companies, rather than investment through the wholesale medium of the institutions. A broader spread of direct share ownership would be more effective than pay legislation, which has been shown to be unworkable, or the matter being left to the tender mercies of a network of corporate remuneration committees.

Yours faithfully,
GAVIN PECK,
Brown's Farm, Pound Green,
Ramsdell, Basingstoke, Hampshire.
January 25.

From Mr Stephen Gratwick, QC

Sir, So far as I can recall, Mr Grahame Dixon's letter (January 24) about British Gas is the first public pronouncement by a person who has been adversely affected by privatisation to acknowledge its advantages.

This country has been afflicted since World War Two, especially by the Labour Party, with the politics of envy. Where does it come from? The position of top management is arduous and precarious, and deserving of a commensurate reward.

It is the public duty of the Conservative Party to assert this truth: and not to give way to the clamour of those who envy such salaries. How many of those sitting on the Opposition benches would be capable of running a business like British Gas: let alone running it as successfully as Cedric Brown has done?

Our children should be taught in their schools that the high salaries of such as Cedric Brown set a target for all to aim at: not something for those who cannot achieve it to whinge about.

Yours faithfully,
S. GRATWICK,
Greenmantle,
Parkfield, Sevenoaks, Kent.
January 24.

From Mr Tudor Gates

Sir, Bosses of privatised industries often justify their huge salary increases by the levels of their companies' profitability. That profitability may be obtained by inflicting huge job-losses among their workforces.

Those who lose their jobs obtain benefits paid for by the taxpayers. How then, have we profited by privatisation?

Yours faithfully,
TUDOR GATES (Vice-President),
Broadcasting, Entertainment,
Cinema and Theatre Union,
111 Wardour Street, W1.

From Mr Eric Clark

Sir, Those awarding themselves huge pay rises might spare a moment to reflect on the example — and words — of Lord Trenchard in 1931.

He was about to be appointed Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police at a time when constables were being forced to take pay cuts because of the economic situation. So desperate, though, was the Government for Trenchard to take the post that he was advised he could demand more than the statutory salary. Refusing, Trenchard reportedly said: "You talk of equality of sacrifice as though it didn't apply to the boss."

Words to frame in the offices of the heads of British Gas and other utilities?

Yours sincerely,
ERIC CLARK,
174 Osborne Villas,
Hove, East Sussex.

From Mr H. F. Harte

Sir, Might I ask Cedric Brown whether he had to compete for the post of chief executive of British Gas when it was privatised? You report him today as stating, in justification of his pay increase, that his job had become more stressful since he was appointed in 1992. How do we know that he is qualified to overcome this stress? If he is, then why did he stay in British Gas for so long when he could have gone elsewhere and earned a significantly higher salary?

Yours faithfully,
H. F. HARTE,
Leafield, Dunsells Lane,
Ropley, Alresford, Hampshire.
January 25.

From Mrs A. H. Sinclair

Sir, According to the Ministry of Defence, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose is paid £68,368 annually. Mr Mike Newmarch, who is leaving the Prudential Corporation (report, January 24), was paid £834,068 last year. We could have ten lieutenant-generals for the same salary and still have change to employ, at a reasonable income, a private-sector chief executive.

Yours faithfully,
AMANDA SINCLAIR,
2 Hostel Hill, Dartmouth, Devon.

Tory rebels

From Mr A. J. Wilde

Sir, The rebel Tory MPs (reports, January 20) appear not to realise just how tiresome and exasperating they have become. I watch their antics on TV and see their unrealistic views gleefully taken up in the newspapers.

As a Tory voter, I despair at the certainty that, if they continue to divide the party, they will achieve nothing except that at the next election the Conservatives will be consigned to opposition. Is this what they really want?

Yours faithfully,
A. J. WILDE,
29 Florida Fields,
Castle Cary, Somerset.
January 20.

From Mr David Clarke

Sir, Despite its contention the letter from Tom King and his fellow MPs (January 20) does not speak for the vast majority of Conservatives. I imagine it is the nine rebels who do this.

We detest the way the Maastricht Treaty was forced through the House of Commons without any mandate. We view with horror the way the federal concept of Brussels has already usurped the powers and authority of many of our institutions. We do not see why British rights and authority should be endlessly signed away despite pledges to the contrary: if only the words of the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary were matched by their actions.

Sadly at present we have a Cabinet which is out of touch with Conservative opinion in the country. This applies to many issues but most certainly Europe. In short those MPs who signed should realise that the Prime Minister's present negotiating position does not inspire us with any great confidence.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CLARKE,
Woodlands,
Marsham Lane,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.
January 20.

From Mr Rex Bellamy

Sir, Rebellious Conservative MPs probably speak for the bulk of the population. They also expound the basic policies of the UK Independence Party. Perhaps they should join it.

Yours faithfully,
REX BELLAMY,
8 Guillards Oak, Midhurst, Sussex.
January 20.

River pollution

From Councillor Joyce Edmond Smith

Sir, Claims by the National Rivers Authority (NRA) that councils will "sit on their hands" in respect of contaminated land (report, January 17) are unsubstantiated and unhelpful. They also show a disappointing lack of understanding about the framework for environmental protection in England and Wales.

First, the NRA has misunderstood the provisions of the Environment Bill, currently before Parliament. Local authorities will be required to identify contaminated land and to enforce its remediation following advice from the proposed Environment Agency.

Where contaminated land is found to cause serious pollution of controlled waters, it will be designated as a special site and action will be the responsibility of the agency, acting in its role as successor to the NRA, and not local authorities as suggested.

Secondly, action by local authorities is accountable to locally elected members, a discipline the agency will not enjoy. Consequently, local authorities will always be more accessible than national agencies and it will continue to be to local authorities that people turn when other enforcement agencies are found wanting.

Finally, the record of local authorities in returning contaminated land to appropriate use is an enviable one, despite using limited powers and resources, which the Bill now seeks to improve. Partnership between enforcement agencies, where each recognises the contribution of the others to shared objectives, is the key to effective pollution control.

Local government will seek to work with, and not against, the agency and I very much hope that the stance of the NRA is not an indication that the agency will do otherwise.

Yours faithfully,
JOYCE EDMOND SMITH
(Chair, Environment and Health Committee),
Association of District Councils,
26 Chapter Street, SW1.
January 19.

Church and 'socialism'

From Miss Rachel Tingle and the Reverend Melvin Tinker

Sir, Contrary to those clerics who have taken issue with the chaplain of Eton, Mr John Witheridge (letters, January 17, 19), for suggesting that in recent years the Church of England has come to espouse a whole host of "socialist" causes, our analysis shows that he has got it absolutely right.

A few years ago we published a study of the growing involvement of the Anglican Church in secular politics. It concluded that the Church of England was focusing more and more attention on secular political issues rather than matters of faith or morality, and that it showed a pronounced tendency to advocate left-wing solutions to political problems.

Recent utterances from bishops on public occasions show little has changed. The Right Reverend Michael Nazir-Ali, in his recent enthronement as the Bishop of Rochester, for instance, emphasised the importance of social justice, and said that resources should be "fairly . . . shared out according to need as well as ability".

Likewise at Christmas the Archbishop of Canterbury chose to interpret the message of the incarnation as a challenge to our "accepted notions of power and authority . . . that in his love for all people, God has a particular concern for the poor and disadvantaged".

The British people can hear all this from their politicians. What we need from bishops is clear teaching on the glorious Christian message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,
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MELVIN TINKER (Trustee),
Christian Studies Centre,
8 Victoria Square, SW1.
January 19.

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Public life inquiry

From Lord Nolan

Sir, Sir Jerry Wiggin, MP (letter, January 25), has gained the impression, from remarks of mine summarising some of the effects of the vast amount of evidence which my committee has received during the last three months, that we have already reached our conclusions. That is not the case. We shall reach no conclusions until we have received and considered all of the evidence.

Sir Jerry also complains that no letter was sent to individual Members of Parliament, inviting comments. In fact, a copy of our document, "Issues and Questions", which includes a request for help and advice, was sent to every Member of Parliament following its publication on December 6. I am sorry that Sir Jerry did not receive his copy and have arranged for another to be sent to him.

His letter also said that the document had not been placed in the library of the House. He has now courteously sent me a personal letter explaining that he was misinformed over this matter and apologising for the mistake. Copies were sent to the library at the same time as to Members of Parliament.

I hope that we may now look forward to receiving Sir Jerry's views on the very important and difficult issues which we face.

Yours faithfully,
NOLAN
(Chairman), Committee on
Standards in Public Life,
Horse Guards Road, SW1.
January 26.

Walker's memorial

From Ms Susan Pape

Sir, Alfred Wainwright hoped that after he died he might be permitted to come down occasionally and flap his wings over Haystacks, one of his many beloved hills in the Lake District. No doubt he's now flapping his wings in frustration over the Lake District National Park's petty-minded and blinkered refusal to allow him a memorial (report, January 19).

To say that a landmark bearing his name at Orrest Head (from where Wainwright first viewed the Lakes) would "clutter up the area" is an insult to the great man who opened up the area and its beauty to thousands of followers.

Why not a simple stone near Innominate Tarn where his ashes are scattered? I doubt whether anyone would object on the grounds it was the "urbanisation of the countryside".

Whatever, Wainwright's memory will survive on the fells decades after petty park officials have gone to their great planning meeting in the sky.

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN PAPE,
48 Rawdon Road,
Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire.
January 19.

This sporting life

From Mr Roger FitzGerald

Sir, It has become far too easy for footballers to get into the stands (reports, January 26). Fences must be put back up around our football pitches as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER FitzGERALD,
7a Holly Bush Lane,
Sevenoaks, Kent.
January 26.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK
January 26: By Command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Departure of the Hon Roméo LeBlanc (Governor-General designate of Canada) and bade farewell on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 26: The Prince Edward this evening attended a Commonwealth Round Table Dinner at the Travellers Club, 106 Pall Mall, London SW1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 26: The Princess Royal, Patron, this morning attended the launch of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit/British Broadcasting Corporation Family Literacy Initiative at Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Association of Combined Youth Clubs, this evening visited three member youth clubs: Sulgrave Club, Goldhawk Road, London W12; Rugby Club, Walmer Road, London SW11; and Harrow Club, Freston Road, London W10.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 26: The Duchess of Gloucester, President, Royal *London Society for the Blind, this* morning opened the Skilcraft *Shop, 105-109 Salusbury Road,* London NW6.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 26: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this morning visited the *Restoration of Appearance and* Function Trust, Mount Vernon *Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex.*

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in *attendance.*

Receptions

New Britain
The Rev Jim Smith and the Rev Paul White took part in a service of thanksgiving held yesterday at St Katharine Cree, London, EC3, to mark Australia Day. Messages from the Australian High Commissioner and the National Convenor of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy were read. A reception, given by New Britain, was held afterwards in the church hall.

Marlborough College
The Right Hon David Hunt, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, welcomed Preparatory School Headmasters and their ladies at a Marlborough College Reception held in Whitehall last night.

Anglo-Indonesian Society
Mr Henry C. Hainworth, Chairman of the Anglo-Indonesian Society, and the council held a reception yesterday at the Cav*endish Conference Centre, London* W1, to mark the fiftieth anniver*sary of the declaration of indepen*dence on August 17, 1945. The Indonesian Ambassador and Mrs Habibie were also present.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by *Her Majesty's* Government at Lancaster House for Dr Aldo Ajello, former United Nations' special representative in Mozambique.

Plumbers' Company
Mr John Jones, Master of the Plumbers' Company, presided at a court luncheon held yesterday at Ironmongers' Hall. Earlier, Mr Alan Richardson was made an Honorary Freeman of the company in recognition of becoming the first person to complete the new City and Guilds of London Institute's Master Plumber course of studies.

National Sporting Club
Mr Stuart Barnes was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr David Willis, secretary, presided.

University news

Stirling
Joseph Moran has been appointed to a Chair in Japanese Studies.

Geoffrey Tucker, political consultant, is 70 today

Birthdays today

Mr Mohamed Al Fayed, chairman, *Harrods*, 62; Professor Gillian Beer, President, Clare *Hall, Cambridge, 60; Mr N.R.* Bomford, Head Master, Harrow School, *56; Sir Wilfrid Bourne, QC,* former Clerk of the Crown in *Chancery and permanent sec*retary, Lord Chancellor's Office, *73; Mr Jack Brymer, clarinettist,* 80; Mr John Bury, designer, 70; *Mr Michael Collins, clarinettist,* 33; Sir Kenneth Corfield, former *chairman, STC, 71; Mrs Mairead* Corrigan-Maguire, Nobel laure*ate, 51; Baroness Cumberlege, 52;* His Honour Lord Dunboyne, 78; *Sir John Eccles, neurologist, 92;* Air Commodore the Hon Timothy *Elworthy, Captain of The Queen's* Flight, 57; the Right Rev H.D. *Halsey, former Bishop of Carlisle,* 76; Mr A H Harper, chairman, *Baltic Exchange, 52; Brigadier Rita* Hennessy, former matron-in-chief, *QARANC, 62; Mr John Hopkins,* writer, 64; Viscount Lifford, 46; *Señor Federico Mayor Zaragoza,* director-general, UNESCO, 61; *Lord Merrivale, 78; Mr Alan* Milburn, MP, 37; Miss Nina *Milkina, pianist, 76; Mr Julian* Ogilvie Thompson, chairman, De *Beers, 61; Baroness Rawlings, 56;* Lord Rix, 71; Mr Roger Sims, MP, *65; Sir Donald Spiers, former* controller Aircraft, MOD, 61; Mr *Neville Trotter, MP, 63; Sir* William van Straubenzee, former MP, 71; Lord Vinson, 64.

Lecture

Company of World Traders
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, introduced the Company of World Traders' annual Tacitus lec*ture, which was delivered by Lady* Soames last night at Guildhall. The London School of Foreign Trade was the sponsor. Canon Peter Delaney, Master, was among those present.

MARTIN BEDDALL

This watercolour, "Enjoying the Ice: a Curling Match on Duddingston Loch" is by Charles Altamont Doyle, the eccentric Victorian artist whose son was Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes. The painting *shows the loch, southeast of Edinburgh, a favourite for skating and curling matches, and is one of the* highlights of the 10th World of Drawings and Watercolours Fair, where it is on sale for £24,000. Galleries and *specialist dealers from all over the world are offering more than* 2,000 drawings *and watercolours from the* 16th-century to the present day at the fair in the Park Lane Hotel, London, until Sunday evening

Service dinner

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, and Lady Layard were the hosts at a dinner held last night onboard the flagship *HMS Victory* in Portsmouth. Among the guests were:

Admiral Sir Lindsay and Lady Bryson, *Vice Admiral Sir Roy and* Lady Newman, Sir John Smith, founder of the Manifold and *Landmark Trusts, and Lady Smith,* Mr Justice and Lady Morison and Mr and Mrs Michael Bett.

Dinners

Leicestershire Lieutenancy
The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire presided at a dinner of the Leicestershire Lieutenancy held last night at County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester.

Institute of Physics
Professor Sir Arnold Wolfendale, FRS, President of the Institute of Physics, presided at the institute's annual awards dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Sir William Mitchell, Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, was the principal guest and speaker. Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, Lord Lieutenant for Greater London, presented the letters patent of the institute's coat of arms to the president. Among the guests were:

The Very Rev Dr Eric Evans, Lord Butterworth, Lord Dainton, Professor Sir John Cadogan, Professor Sir David Davies, Sir Roger *Elliott, Sir John Mason, Professor Sir* Colin Spedding, Profesor Sir William Stewart, Sir Denys *Wilkinson, Professor Richard Brook,* Professor Kenneth Pounds, Dr P B Clapham, Professor Julian Hunt, Professor J F Lamb and Mr Nigel Nicholls.

Glaziers' Company
Mr J.B.R. Vartan, Master of the *Glaziers' Company, and the War*dens and their ladies received *members of the court and their* guests at the St Paul's Day Quarter *Court dinner held last night at* Glaziers' Hall. Among the guests were the *Master of the Fuellers'* Company and the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire.

Institute of Logistics
Sir Peter Thompson presented the Institute of Logistics' Sir Robert Lawrence Award *to Mr Brian N.* McKibbin at the institute's annual dinner held last night at the Royal Lancaster Hotel. Dr Ian C. Canadine, director-general, presided. Mr John Boatman, chairman, welcomed the guests.

Memorial service

Sir Patrick Dean
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Viscount Long at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Patrick Dean held on Wednesday in the Chapel of Lincoln's Inn. Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke.

The Right Rev John Richardson, Bishop of Bedford, nephew, officiated, assisted by Canon William Norman. Mr James Dean and Mr Peter Dean, sons, and Mr Oliver Lodge, treasurer, read the lessons. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir Derek Dodson and the Permanent Under Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service by Mr Andrew Wood. The American Ambassador was represented by Mr T H Gewecke, minister counsellor for economic affairs. Among others present were:

Lady Dean (widow), Mrs James Dean *and Mrs Peter Dean (daughters-in-*law), Sarah Dean and Patrick Dean (grandchildren), Mrs J F Richardson *(sister), Mrs L Handley-Derry* and Miss Margaret Jackson (sisters-in-law), Lord and Lady Roskill (brother-*in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs John* Richardson, the Ven Philip Davies, Archdeacon of St Albans and Mrs Davies, Mr and Mrs Tim Taylor, Mr and Mrs Martin Ambidge, Jennifer Ambidge, Caroline Ambidge, Mr *David and the Hon Mrs Roberts, the* Hon Julian and Mrs Roskill, Mr Nicholas and the Hon Mrs Williams, *Miss Emma Richardson, Mrs Alan* Cory-Wright, Miss Pippa Richardson, Mr Matthew Davies, *Miss Katie Taylor, Miss Anna Taylor.* The Countess of Avon, Patricia Countess Jellicoe, Lord Wilberforce, *Lord Hunt of Tanworth, Baroness* Brigstocke (chairman, English Speaking Union of the Commonwealth) with *Mr Anthony Westnedge* (deputy chairman) and Mr Eric Dehn (representing the Bristol branch); Lord Taylor of Hadfield, Adeline Lady Ampthill, Lord and Lady Pym, Lord and Lady Dunboyne, Lord Renton, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lady Gore Booth, Lord Sherfield, Lord and *Lady* Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Wright of Richmond, Lord Brightman, Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, KG, Lord Aldington, Lady Trend, Lady Widgery, Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, Sir John and Lady Hobhouse, Lady Luce, Sir Robert Megarry, Lord Justice Morritt, Sir Christopher Slade, Sir Michael Kerr, Lady Dora Pink, the Hon John and Mrs Butler, the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham. *Lady Brooke, Sir John Graham, Sir* Antony Acland (chancellor, Order of Saint Michael and Saint George), *Lady Pilcher, Lady (Michael) Stewart,* Sir Robin Haydon, Sir Frank Roberts, Sir Vincent Evans, Sir *Edward Ford, Sir Peregrine Rhodes,* Sir John Killick, Sir Derick and Lady Ashe, Lady Mott-Radclyffe, Sir John *and Lady Coulson, Lady de Freitas,* Sir Ian Sinclair, QC, Sir Alan and Lady Urwick, Sir Kenneth Jupp, Sir William Evans, QC, Mr Justice Drake, Mr Justice Pill, Dame Mary Green, Sir Patrick Reilly, Dame Anne Warburton, Lady West-Russell, Sir Donald Murray, Sir Derek and Lady Day, Sir Donald and Lady Logan, Sir *Ralph Kilner Brown, Sir David and* Lady Steel, Sir David and Lady Wills, Sir Alan Campbell, Sir Ronald and *Lady Arculus, Lady Loyd, Sir Philip* and Lady Adams, Lady Rennie, Sir Peter Marshall, Dame Gillian *Brown, Sir Nicholas Henderson* (representing The Other Club), Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Sir Kenneth Jupp, Sir Ewen Fergusson (chairman, Coutts and Company), Sir Michael and Lady Wilford, Sir Jean-Pierre Warner, Sir John Wood. Mr and Mrs Henry Hainworth, Mr W. Percy Grieve, QC, Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke, Mr Rupert Pennant-Rea, Mrs Philip Astley, Mr Henry Boddington, Mr Alan Lee Williams, Mr Paul Draper, Mr and Mrs Stephen Wheatcroft, Mr Paul Buxton, Mr W Hogbin, Mr Roger Pincham, Mrs Christopher Phillpotts, Mr David Bendall, Mrs Susan Sainsbury, Mr Ronald Scrivener, Mrs E Norman-Butler, Mr and Mrs James Woodhouse, Dr and Mrs John Easton, Mr Richard Wheeler-Bennett, Mr John Burrough, Mr Allan Arthur, Mr and Mrs John Williams, Dr *N Rycroft, Mr and Mrs* Alan McLintock, Mr Richard Williams, Mrs Catherine Roskill, Mr *and Mrs John Sankey, Mr John* Stewart, Mr Frank Brenchley, Mr Peter Boydell, QC, Mr P W E Taylor, *QC, Mr J H G Sunnucks.* Mr David Griffiths (The Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom), Mr Norman Reddaway (chairman, International House), Mr Robert Montgomerie (deputy head, Rugby School) and Mr Hubert Snowden (Old Rugbeian Society), Mrs Penny Harris (Kleinwort Benson Investment Management), Mr John Keffer (Chairman of the Trustees of the American Museum in Britain at Bath), and Mr Frank Giles (Grillions Club).

Scriveners' Company

Mr Alderman and Sheriff Richard Nichols and Mr Sheriff Jonathan *Charkham were presented with* Scriveners' Company Quill Pens *by the Master, Mr A.H. Hamilton-*Hopkins at the Old Bailey *yesterday.*

University news

Oxford
Magdalen College
The following election has been made:

To a Supernumerary Non-Stipendiary Fellowship, Mr Ian Christie, during his tenure as University Visiting Lecturer in Film Studies and for a maximum of five years.

Cambridge
Queens' College
To Research Fellowships from October 1 1995: Caroline Humfress and Robert John Neather.

Latest wills

Mr Alex **Scott**, of Cheveley, Cambridgeshire, the Newmarket racehorse trainer killed in a shooting incident, left estate valued at £3,042,508 net.

Mr Robert **Spencer**, of Loweswater, Cockermouth, Cumbria, the ornithologist best known as the head of the National Bird Ringing Scheme, run by the British Trust for Ornithology, left estate valued at £122,446 net.

Mrs Lilian Mary May **Marks**, of London NW1, left estate valued at £1,156,133 net.

She left £4,000 to the RSPCA, £59,500, effects and one third of the residue to personal legatees and two thirds of the residue equally between the Royal London Society for the Blind, National Benevolent Fund for the Aged and the Cheshire Foundation.

Mrs Blanche Helen Marion Augusta **Lucas**, of London NW8, the *matrimonial lawyer, left estate in* England and Wales valued at £970,669 net.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mr Peter Arthur Vernon **Langdon**, of Ryde, Isle of Wight £720,510

Miss Alexandra Constance **Oldfield**, Bridlington, Humberside £682,663

Mr Trevor John Da Costa **Andrade**, of Boxford, Suffolk £564,580

Mrs Phyllis Doreen **Graham**, of *Bushey Heath, Herts* £649,752

Mr Robert Walter Antoine **Hermans**, of Weybridge, Surrey £572,058

Mrs Miriam **Kasmir**, of Bournemouth £603,941

Mary Louisa **Lloyd**, of Hereford £618,007

Mrs Rosemary Beatrice Barnet **Roberts**, of Deal, Kent £594,679

Mr Michael Dennis **Rogerson**, of Crawley, West Sussex £733,987

Barbara Suzanne **Skyrme**, of London SW3 .... £839,423

Capt Angus Guy **Stansfield**, retd, of Caterham, Surrey £610,507

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.D.H. *Bowden-Smith*
and Miss C.J. Harsant
The engagement is *announced* between Patrick Bowden-Smith and Carolyn Harsant, both of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr J. De Bolle
and Miss C. Hollingsworth
The engagement is announced between Jean, eldest son of Louis De Bolle and Viviane Huenaerts, of Brussels, and Clare, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael *Hollingsworth*, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr R.A. Given
and Miss A.J. Fage
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Given, of Walkern, Hertfordshire, and Arabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawton Fage, of Ellesmere, Shropshire.

Mr M.E. McNie
and Miss E.F.J. Bain
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Dr and Mrs W.M. McNie, of Weybridge, and Elspeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.T.K. Bain, of Chipping Norton.

Mr J.C. Morkel
and Miss S.J. Eustance
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr John Morkel and Mrs Lola Morkel, both of Harare, Zimbabwe, and *Sara*, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Eustance, of Alton, Hampshire.

Mr J. Carter Shaw
and Miss J.A. Alcock
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Carter Shaw, of Bucklebury, Berkshire, and Jennifer Anne, younger daughter of Mr Colin Alcock and the *late* Mrs Alcock, of Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire.

Mr P.G.M. Brecher
and Miss A.J.N. Segal
The engagement is announced between Paul Gideon Martin, *younger* son of Mr and Mrs Henry A. Brecher, of London W2, and *Alexandra* Jane Natasha, daughter of Mrs Rosemary Segal, of *London SW6*, and Mr Victor Segal, and stepdaughter of Mrs Carol *Segal, of Regent's Park*, London NW1.

Mr R. Dawkins
and Miss D.J. Kingdon
The engagement was *announced* on Christmas Day between Russell, second son of Mr and Mrs Robert Dawkins, and Danielle Jane, eldest daughter of Dr Alan J. Kingdon and Mrs P. Blower. The marriage will take place on Saturday, August 26, 1995, in Chiswick.

Señor J. Herrera Benacerraf
and The Hon Fanny Money-Coutts
The engagement is announced between Jorje, eldest son of Señor Moise Benacerraf, and Señora Mercedes Herrera de Benacerraf, of Caracas, and Fanny, *youngest* daughter of Lord and Lady Latymer, *of Artá, Majorca.*

Mr J.P. Robertson
and Miss A.S. Field
The engagement is announced between James, son of Hamish and Isabel Robertson, of Bencoolan, Kippford, Kirkcudbrightshire, and Amanda, elder daughter of Angus and *Sandra* Field, of Lower Mill Farm, South Newbald, York.

Dr W.J. Rogers
and Miss E.J. Mace
The engagement is announced between *William John, son of Mr* and Mrs G.W. Rogers, of Chesterfield, and *Erica Janine, daughter* of Mr and Mrs D.J. Mace, of Liverpool.

Church news

The Right Rev Peter Dawes, Bishop of Derby, is to retire as from July 31.

Appointments
The Rev Christine Allsop, Assistant Curate, Bracknell: to be Team Vicar, Bracknell (Oxford).

The Rev Pearl Anderson, Assistant Curate, St John the Baptist in the Epping and District Team Ministry (Chelmsford): to be Adviser to the Joint Council for Social Responsibility, dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester.

The Rev Martin Baldock, Vicar, Brampton Bierlow: to be *also* Rural Dean of Wath upon Dearne (Sheffield).

The Rev Michael Banks, NSM, diocese St Albans: to be Vicar, Hatfield Hyde, same diocese.

The Rev Matthew Baynes, Curate, Great Berkhamsted (St Albans): to be Vicar, Christ Church, Coseley (Worcester).

*The Rev Freda Beveridge, Min*ister in charge, Woolstones Holy Trinity, Woughton Team Ministry: to be Team Rector, Woughton Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Charles Booth, NSM, Tadley: to be Curate, Highcliffe and Hinton Admiral (Winchester).

The Rev Peter Boyles, Curate, Neston (Chester): to be Rector, Lavendon w Cold Brayfield, Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville (Oxford).

The Rev Stuart Brindley, Vicar, Rotherham All Saints (Sheffield): to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Ven Bill Brison, until recently a Mission Partner with CMS in Nigeria: now Priest-in-charge, St Thomas, Pendleton w St George, Charlestown (Manchester).

*The Rev James Campbell, Assis*tant Curate, Scole (Norwich): to be *Vicar, Bentley and Binsted* (Winchester).

The Rev Catherine Case, Minister in the Stoke North Deanery (Lich*field): to be Priest-in-charge,* Wrockwardine Wood, same diocese.

The Rev Canon Peter Chambers, Director of Training, diocese Sheffield: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Rev Dr David Chantrey, Priest-in-charge, Beckbury, Badger, Kemberton, Stockton and Sutton Maddock (Lichfield): now *also* Chairman, Lichfield Diocesan Board of Social Responsibility.

The Rev Joy Chapman, Resident Minister, Bucknall w Bagnall Team Ministry: now Team Vicar, Bucknall w Bagnall Team Ministry (Lichfield).

The Rev Ian Cooper, Team Vicar, Hemel Hempstead, St Mary: to be Rector, Bushey (St Albans).

The Rev Vivian Enever, Curate, St Faith, Great Crosby: to be Curate, St Jude, Stockbridge Village (Liverpool).

The Rev Ian Garrett, Curate, St Martin, Maidstone: to be Priest-in-charge, St Francis, Ashford (Canterbury).

The Rev John Gould, Priest-in-charge, St Michael, Betchworth and St Mary, Buckland: to be Minister-in-charge, St Paul, Roundshaw, Wallington (Southwark).

The Rev John Greed, Rector, St Helen and St Barnabas, Hastings (Chichester): to be Rector, Street (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Peter Haughton, part-time Educational Adviser in Medical Law and Ethics at United Medical and Dental School of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals, London: to be *also* half-time Priest-in-charge, St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale (Southwark).

The Rev Noel Hector, Assistant Curate, St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol (Bristol): to be Rector, Wrington w Butcombe (Bath and Wells).

The *Rev* Martin Iball, NSM, Whittington and Weeford: to be *also* Priest-in-charge (NSM), Harlaston (Lichfield).

The Rev Ann Jefferyes, Curate (NSM), Caverswall w Weston Coyney and Dilhorne: now *also* Chaplain, Douglas Macmillan *Hospice (Lichfield).*

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

AUCHINCLOSS - Ralph and his family - Jeanette, Letitia, Ralph and Richard - wish to convey our heartfelt thanks to all our relatives and friends for their most beautiful expressions of sympathy and appreciation of our wonderful wife, mother and nanny, Jean - *her loss will create a void in* the family which can never be filled. Our thanks also for the many beautiful floral tributes received and to those who donated to Cancer Research. Most of all, our thanks to the Priests of St Edmunds for their spiritual support during her illness which was of great solace to Jean. Our special thanks to Monsignor Drury and Father Gerry, who concelebrated the Requiem Mass for Jean at Our Lady and St Joseph's Church, Lawshall, and to all of our friends who were present. The Mass reflected the great love and happiness she brought to everyone around her.

BIRTHS

BALDWIN-EVANS - *On* Tuesday January 10th, to Kay and David, a wonderful son, Theo.

BOWDEN - To Alison (née *Hulme*) and Jamie, on 22nd January, a daughter, Frederica (Freddy).

COX - On January 21st, to Katherine (née Auckland) and Nicholas, a daughter, Charlotte, a sister for Joseph.

FOOKS - On January 14th 1995, to *Daryl (née Rayner)* and Jeremy, a son, Frederic John Jeremy.

LATARCHE - On 10th January, to Simon and Jocelyn, *a brother for* Dominic, Tristan Simon James.

LELLO - On Friday 13th January 1995, at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, to Helen (née Simpson) and Mark, a son, Sebastian John Mark Alexander.

BIRTHS

LODGE - On January 26th, at Harrogate General Hospital, to Sally (née Cummings) and John, a son, Dominic James Cummings, a brother for Alexander and Cordelia.

McCUNE - *On January 20th* 1995, in Edinburgh, to Professor Christine Temple, *wife of Mr Leslie McCune,* a son, Alexander James Temple, weighing 9lbs 7oz.

ORR - On *Monday January* 9th, at The John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Julia (née Brimacombe) and Roderick, a son, Alexander, a brother *for Ranulf and Imogen.*

SCHMIEGEL - On January 25th at The Portland *Hospital, to Lise and Kevin,* a son, Luke Matthew, our gift from God.

THOMPSON - On 22nd January, to Peter and Sue, a *daughter, Felicity Mary,* a much longed for sister, for Christina.

DEATHS

ADAMS - *On January 18th* 1995, Robert George (Bob), aged 81. Formerly of *Hong Kong.* Father of Graham, James & Jeremy. Funeral Service at St Alban's Church, Frant, near Tunbridge Wells, on Friday February 3rd at 2.30 *pm*. Family flowers only but donations if desired for British Heart Foundation *c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral* Services, Crowborough, (01892) 668000.

BALDWIN - Marshall Walker, died peacefully in hospital in Worcester, *aged 79, on 26th* January, after 6 years of much suffering. He was a civil engineer, ex-N.W. Railway, India, and Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners, a man *of integrity* and greatly loved husband, *father and grandfather.*

DEATHS

BATTY - On 22nd January, Sylvester Wilfred Harcourt Batty, of Manor Road, Barton, *aged* 78 years. Funeral Service takes place on Thursday 2nd February, *11.15 am St* Nicholas Church, Barton, followed by cremation at Luton *Crematorium. Flowers* and further enquiries to Neville Funeral Service, 311 Marsh *Road, Leagrave, Luton, Beds,* LU3 2RZ. (01582 490006).

BLACKIE WOOLRYCH - née Beauchemin. On Tuesday 24th January, *peacefully,* at Royal Brompton Hospital, London, after a short illness, *Simone,* aged 85, beloved wife of Michael Woolrych. Funeral 12 noon Tuesday 7th *February* at Church of Our Most *Holy* Redeemer, Cheyne Row, Chelsea, followed by private cremation. Family flowers *only, donations in lieu to* R.N.L.I., 20 Buckingham Street, WC2N 6EF.

CLARKSON - Dorothy OBE., on *January* 24th 1995, peacefully at home in Jersey, aged 62 years. Beloved daughter of Mildred, mother of Mark and Carolina. Funeral Service will take place at St John's Parish Church, Jersey, on Tuesday *January 31st at 2.15 pm.* Flowers may be sent to H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd, F/D, 34 Great Union Road, St Helier, Jersey by noon. All enquiries please to *H.W. Maillard &* Son Ltd. Funeral Directors, tel: (0534) 37291.

COLLETT - Frank Ainslie on 25th January 1995 peacefully in hospital aged 83, much loved husband of Joyce, devoted father of Peter and Diana. Family flowers *only please.*

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CONNOLLY - Sophie Patience, peacefully on 25th January, at The Royal *Brompton Hospital, aged 9* weeks. Beloved daughter of Joffy and Vikki and dear sister to Hannah.

EDGERTON - On January 21st, Ronald Leslie, T.D., aged 84, Professor Honorarius of the P.C.L. Dearly beloved husband of Mary, father of Susan, Timothy and Nicholas, grandfather of Tansy, Eugénie and Dorian. *Memorial Service at* St Bartholomew's Church, Orford, Suffolk, on February 4th at 2 pm. *Donations, if* wished, to Save the Children Fund, c/o The Old Brewery House, Orford.

GOUGH - *David Laurie on* 20th January suddenly passed away in Chamonix, France. Will be sadly missed by family, friends and those who knew him. Family flowers only. Donations to Trinity Church Hospice, Clapham or *British Heart* Foundation. Enquiries to Ashton's of Clapham, 18 South Side, Clapham Common, Clapham SW4 7AB. (071) 498-9063 or Nina Peace, (071) 351-1926.

GROOM - On 26th January 1995, peacefully at home. Morag, dearest wife of John, much loved mother of Sally and Ian and wonderful grandmother of *Rosemary,* Matthew, George, *Jamie* and Verity. Cremation at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday 3rd February at 1.15 pm. All friends welcome. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the N.S.P.C.C. *c/o* Hannington's Funeral Directors, 4-6 Montefiore Road, *Hove*, BN3 1RD.

HARDING - On 19th January 1995, whilst skiing in France, Derek Michael Geoffrey, aged 62 years, beloved husband of Jill and dear father of Timothy and Toby and grandfather of George and Bethany. Funeral Service at Checkendon Parish Church, nr. Reading, on Wednesday February 1st at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations for "B.W.A.", P.O. Box 413, Reading, RG1 4SF.

DEATHS

LAVELLE - On 23rd January 1995. Doris, peacefully at home, after a brief *hospitalisation.* Doris, a World famous dancer and Dance teacher, will be greatly and sadly missed by her many friends and colleagues throughout her long and distinguished career. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the R.S.P.C.A. Cremation at East Chapel, Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London, 2.15 pm Monday 30th January 1995. All enquiries to the Funeral Directors, J.H. Kenyon, tel: (071) 794-3535.

JOHNSON - Roy, passed away on January 23rd 1995, aged 67. A Major in the R.A.O.C. he enjoyed his retirement and in standing with his character fought bravely during his long illness. Correspondence to the family through Thomas Davis F/D, 57 Sand Park Road, Bristol BS4 3PQ.

LATIMER - Ian, beloved father and grandfather, died in Hong Kong on Wednesday 25th January 1995, aged 76. Enquiries (0442) 874199.

MASON - On Tuesday 24th *January 1995,* in King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Sydney, beloved husband of Rosalind, after a short period of illness bravely borne. The funeral took place at Hoop Lane Crematorium on 26th January.

PRICE - On 24th January 1995, William Leonard of Woodford Green, aged 95 years. Late of the Bank of New Zealand, London. Much loved father of Elizabeth (Marion), John and Mary and grandfather of Fiona, David, Jenny and Catherine. Funeral Service at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 1st February at All Saints' Church, Woodford Green followed by private interment. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

SPARK - Jack, on 25th January 1995, at Abbeyfield Castle Farm, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in his 93rd year. Headmaster Paul Harris Fellow, former District Governor and President of [illegible]

THOMPSON [illegible]

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WALFORD [illegible]

WALKDEN [illegible]

DEATHS

WALLER - On 22nd January at his home in Ventnor, Isle of Wight, aged 77, Sir John Stanier 7th and last Baronet, sadly missed by his loving sister Elizabeth and his [illegible]

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LOUIS HEREN

Louis Heren, messenger, foreign correspondent and deputy editor of *The Times*, 1933-81, died yesterday aged 75. He was born on February 6, 1919.

A QUINTESSENTIAL hard-drinking, no-nonsense newspaperman and foreign correspondent, Louis Heren followed the news across more than 50 frontiers, reporting riots and revolutions, crises, coups, conferences and assassinations (from Gandhi and Count Bernadotte to the Kennedy brothers).

Between 1946 and 1970 he covered the world's most dramatic stories — the independence and riots in India, the creation of Israel, the Korean War, *the troubles in South-East Asia*, the postwar re-emergence of Germany and the turbulence of America in the 1960s — dispatching lucid and colourful accounts of events back to Printing House Square.

Heren said that if he had not taken to journalism, he would probably have been arrested for peeping through keyholes. He always wanted to know how things worked, what people thought and why they did one thing and not another and, above all, what really happened.

Covering the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the height of the Arab-Israel war of 1948 was, for him, one of the most memorable of the many dramatic events he tackled. The world leader who most impressed him was Chou En-lai and the most entertaining was Khrushchev.

Courageous and uninhibited, Heren considered it a reporter's natural condition to be in conflict with authority and would often recall the advice given him early in his career by an industrial correspondent of the *Daily Worker*: "Always ask yourself why these lying bastards are lying to you."

Although his reporting was a model of objectivity, his attitude of robust suspicion led to complaints to his editors and to occasional demands for his withdrawal to less sensitive areas. He was normally staunchly supported by those in authority, however. One editor, William Casey, used to try to placate offended people by explaining that Heren had Basque blood.

He said the only editorial direction he ever received during his years as a foreign correspondent was from a foreign news editor who gave him lunch at the Reform Club, shortly before he flew out to Palestine; after studiously avoiding discussion of the assignment throughout the lunch, the foreign news editor, Ralph Deakin, finally managed an oblique reference as they awaited a cab back to the office. "Be decent to those chaps, Heren, be decent." Which chaps he was to be decent to was never made clear. But Heren, when he became an executive, followed the same tradition and similarly never attempted to impose an editorial line on his correspondents.

Louis Philip Heren grew up in the East End of London during the days of the Depression. His paternal grandfather was a French Basque, his maternal grandfather a German. His father had been a machine minder on *The Times* and died when Heren was only four: his mother ran a coffee shop near the gates of London Docks.

In those surroundings were kindled Heren's lifelong interests, not the least being literature. He attended a local grammar school where his English teacher introduced him to Dickens, G. A. Henty, Conrad, H. M. Tomlinson and others and he became an avid borrower of books from the public library. Through his teacher's encouragement he discovered a gift of narrative which he developed through his wide reading.

In 1933 he joined *The Times* as a messenger in the publicity department. He was able to write some advertising copy and to help in designing posters. At the same time he began to telephone small news reports to the London newspapers — fires, ship stories and streeet marches under the banner of Sir Oswald Mosley, which later he not only reported but joined other Cockneys, Jews, Irish and others in opposing. On one occasion he was hauled off to a police station.

Heren was given his first news assignment for *The Times* in 1937, reporting East End street parties celebrating the coronation of King George VI. The war interrupted his journalistic progress. He became a gunner in 1939 and served as an NCO in France, Iceland and Greenland. Then he was commissioned in the Royal Tank Regiment, serving in India, Burma, the Yunnan province of China and South-East Asia.

He returned to *The Times* in 1946 as a reporter and a year later was transferred to the foreign department. He was appointed *The Times* correspondent in India in 1947 where, amid the massacres of partition, he was able for the first time to give full rein to his sensitivities as a reporter. He then went to Palestine which, for the last two years of the British mandate had been in a turmoil of bloodshed and political terrorism, *culminating in the birth of Israel on* May 15, 1948, when Britain withdrew. Heren reported from the Israel side the hostilities with the Arabs, remaining in that area until 1950.

He had just returned to Britain when Ian Morrison, the staff correspondent in Korea, was killed and Heren was sent to replace him. He was subsequently based in Singapore, 1951-53, Delhi, 1953-55, and Bonn, 1955-60. After Bonn he served as Chief Correspondent in Washington until 1969 and then as American Editor until 1970 when he returned to Printing House Square as Foreign Editor and Deputy Editor.

During his time in South-East Asia he spent two years covering the Communist uprising in Malaya, where he had several serious brushes with the Templer administration: indeed, he had clashes with authority in nearly every country from which he reported.

When Heren became Washington correspondent in 1960 a relative mellowness gradually settled over him as he became quickly caught up by the immense panorama of American affairs. He arrived there in time for the inauguration of President Kennedy and was well in his stride as an acute observer of the American scene when Kennedy was assassinated in November 1963.

The succeeding Johnson era was, in many ways, more in the Heren mould. Johnson's term of office saw an upsurge and climax of race tension and civil rights disturbances and the rise in opposition to the US forces involvement in Vietnam. Heren lucidly recorded the anguish and deep divisions that split the American nation as it became increasingly bogged down in a war that could not be won.

In 1966 *The Times* passed into the ownership of Lord Thomson of Fleet and William Rees-Mogg became editor. Rees-Mogg formed a high opinion of Heren's abilities and in July 1969, after Johnson had been succeeded by Richard Nixon, Heren was made American Editor.

Heren won the International Reporter of the Year award in 1967 and the first John F. Kennedy Memorial award in 1968 for his book *The New American Commonwealth*. He also wrote *No Hail, No Farewell* (1970), an account of the Johnson presidency.

In London he was one of two deputy editors, with which post he also combined that of foreign editor. He later became sole deputy editor and foreign editor, changing places with Charles Douglas-Home in 1978 to become home editor.

He was still a reporter at heart and caused outrage in some quarters when he invited Menachem Begin to lunch at Printing House Square. Begin was Israeli Opposition leader at the time and still *persona non grata* with the British Government because of his terrorist activities *during the British mandate in Palestine*. In 1979 he attracted similar outrage when he invited Anthony Blunt to a similar *Times* lunch immediately after Blunt's traitorous activities had been exposed in Parliament. Both lunches brought the paper front page scoops.

Although from different backgrounds, he and Rees-Mogg worked well together during what was a trying period when publication of the paper was persistently hit by strike action by the printers, then suspended by the management for almost a year in 1979, and afterwards suffering a strike by journalists.

Heren was considered to be a favoured candidate to succeed when Rees-Mogg left the editorship on the sale of the paper to Rupert Murdoch. He applied for the post and wrote a lengthy memorandum to the new proprietor on changes he believed necessary to make the paper profitable.

He was unsuccessful and had a second disappointment when he was deprived of the deputy editorship: instead he was made one of the first two journalist directors of Times Newspapers and, with the title of Associate Editor, given freedom to write.

His final period at *The Times* became embittered. Some of his domestic assignments were not to his taste; some of articles were squeezed out of the paper. The new editor, Harold Evanslike Heren, was determined to involve himself in the detailed coverage and presentation of the big stories of the day. Heren felt that he was not consulted — sometimes not even aware — of the coverage of important international events on which he wanted to make a contribution.

He left the paper to which he had devoted his life in 1981 and concentrated on writing more books. He was often called upon to comment on the state of Fleet Street which at that time was in a period of industrial turmoil. His disappointment at not achieving his ambition was apparent in some of his comments. He also acted for a time as editorial consultant to *The Straits Times* of Singapore.

Heren would have enjoyed the subsequent move of the paper to Wapping. It would have been for him a nostalgic return to the East End, for which he never lost his affection. More importantly, the new premises were a mere stone's throw from the hostelry, widely used by the staff, where his mother had been born and near by were the coffee rooms where he was born.

His book *Growing Up Poor* in London (1973) was an autobiography of his harsh but happy working class childhood in Shadwell. He followed it with *Growing Up on The Times* (1978) and *Memories of Times Past* (1988). His other books included *Alas, Alas for England* (1981), *The Power of the Press* (1985) *and Memories of Times Past* (1988).

Heren liked good company and good food in fine surroundings, but he was equally at home in a favourite Greek restaurant of unprepossessing exterior in Camden Town where he often entertained friends and colleagues.

His wife Patricia died in 1975. He is survived by a son and three daughters.

IAN PRESTT

Ian Prestt, CBE, director general of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, 1975-91, and its president, 1991-94, died after suffering a stroke on January 24 aged 65. He was born in Wigan, Lancashire, on June 26, 1929.

IN HIS 16 years at the helm of the RSPB, Ian Prestt established himself as one of the world's leading bird conservationists. Not only did he immensely increase the society's membership and the scope of its activities, but he used his and the RSPB's influence to wage a ceaseless campaign for conservation of the environment at all levels.

Early on in his career he had done valuable work in helping to establish that pesticides were responsible for the marked decline in the numbers of birds of prey that became evident from the late 1940s onwards. Over the years *he had been a stern critic of the* failure of the Wildlife and Countryside Act to provide effective protection from egg thieves to Britain's endangered bird species, again, particularly birds of prey such as the peregrine.

Prestt also deplored the recent breakup of the Nature Conservancy Council into three separate national agencies, *English Nature, the* Countryside Council for Wales and Scottish Natural Heritage. He was convinced that such a fragmentation of Britain's conservation base would make it almost impossible for the individual agencies to assess conservation needs in a truly United Kingdom context, detracting from the effectiveness of each. He believed that only a fundamental review of the role of farming, forestry, and rural planning and development could produce the proper machinery for conservation management at all levels.

Ian Prestt was educated at Bootham School, York, and later studied architecture at the School of Architecture, Liverpool, and then biology at Liverpool University. It was at Bootham that his interest in natural history was encouraged and directed, and he won the Old York Scholars Award for his studies of the sparrowhawk and heron.

From 1947 to 1949 he had done his National Service as a second lieutenant in the Royal Artillery. After leaving Liverpool University he joined the staff of the Nature Conservancy in 1956.

He held a variety of posts within the Conservancy, including ornithological officer for Great Britain, deputy regional officer for northern England and finally deputy director of the renamed Nature Conservancy Council. His work ranged from chalk grassland ecology to the effects of pesticides and pollutants on birds.

From 1963 to 1970 he worked at Monks Wood Experimental Station as a member of the toxic chemical and wildlife research team. His work at Monks Wood included the investigation into the marked population decline of birds of prey that had taken place in the years following the war. The causes of this decline were eventually traced to the persistent pesticide DDT, and it was subsequently banned from use in the UK.

In 1975 Prestt became director general of the RSPB and ensured the society's present position as Europe's largest wildlife conservation organisation. When he joined it had 275,000 members. Today it has more than 860,000.

His vigorous harrying of the Government's apparent indifference to conservation and environmental manners was evident in his success in bringing these issues to the *attention of the general public* through the press, television and radio. In 1989, launching a campaign for national protection strategy, the RSPB calculated that the migratory movements of two million birds a year were being threatened by serious pollution affecting more than 60 per cent of Britain's estuaries. He called on the government to *abide by criteria for the special* protection of such sites established by the European Community directive on birds.

He retired as director general of the RSPB in June 1991 because of declining health and became president of the society later that year. He retired as president in October 1994.

Not content with limiting himself to conserving Britain's birds, Prestt was actively involved with BirdLife International, the global bird protection organisation, and was chairman of its executive committee from 1986 to 1990. He was vice-president, 1990-94, and was made its first Member of Honour at the World Conference in Rosenheim, Germany, last year. He was appointed CBE in recognition of his conservation work in 1986.

Although a vigorous proselytiser for what he believed in, Prestt was never abrasive in his manner of crusading, realising that little was achieved by rubbing people up the wrong way. Nevertheless his courtesy and charm concealed a steely determination to take bird conservation into the heart of government. He guided the RSPB through an important period of change.

He will be posthumously awarded the RSPB Medal for services to bird conservation.

He leaves a wife, Jennifer Ann, and two daughters. His son was killed in 1979 in a road accident.

MARJORIE VAN DER POST

Marjorie van der Post, biographer and first wife of Sir Laurens van der Post, died in Cape Town on January 13 aged 89. She was born on November 20, 1905.

MARJORIE van der Post was married to Laurens van der Post, the South African writer, explorer and conservationist, for twenty years. When they first met in the late 1920s, van der Post was working as a trainee journalist. Marjorie accepted the trials of their married life with great equanimity, farming with him in Gloucestershire in the 1930s and waiting for him through the war, when he was interned in a Japanese prison camp. She was born into a family of artists and thus not only understood her husband's temperament but also shared his appetite for hard work.

Marjorie Edith Wendt, as she was born, was the only daughter of the conductor Theo Wendt, the founder of the Cape Town Orchestra and the man who first brought music on the grand scale to South Africa.

She had a peripatetic childhood, being born in England, but moving to South Africa with her father when she was six. She grew up at Newlands, when Newlands was a part of Cape Town in which one or two painters and some of the Cape's oldest families lived. In later years, she never felt really at ease anywhere which did not include a regular glimpse of Table Mountain. She was educated first in Newlands, and then boarded at a girls' school in Port Elizabeth. There were also spells in Somerset where her mother, who had been a dancer, had settled after separating from her husband.

Marjorie was introduced to Laurens van der Post in Durban and they were married in 1928, almost immediately moving to London. The Bloomsbury circle quickly adopted them, and Virginia Woolf in particular proved to be a useful friend, her Hogarth Press publishing van der Post's first book, *In a Province* (1934). Meanwhile he and Marjorie had moved to a farm near Tetbury in Gloucestershire, hoping that this would give him the space in which to write in peace. In fact they had little time to do anything but work the farm.

Van der Post saw war coming early and packed his family back to South Africa, while he joined the British Army. Marjorie was forced to raise their two children on the money she earned as a secretary. For a whole year, after her husband's capture by the Japanese in Java, she also had to contend with believing her husband to be dead.

He returned after the war a changed man, having endured several harrowing years in a Japanese prison camp. He and Marjorie found they had little left in common and were amicably divorced soon afterwards. Van der Post married again, in 1949, Ingaret Giffard.

Marjorie van der Post was attractive and vivacious and had numerous other suitors, but she was never tempted to marry again. She worked at Cape Town's university library and retired in her late fifties. Afterwards she turned to painting, mostly still lifes in oils and watercolours. Family in London often asked her to retire to England but she loved the Cape with a passion. She and Laurens remained friends and saw each other every year.

She was a dry-witted woman, well-read and a good writer herself, who produced a biography of her father, *Theo Wendt* (1974), which provided a fascinating glimpse into the early days of the Cape Town Orchestra. Despite her lifelong addiction to smoking, she remained in blooming health until a few years ago, when she was badly mugged. Afterwards she never quite recovered her mobility. She was a staunch Roman Catholic.

She is survived by her daughter, her son having predeceased her.

ON THIS DAY

January 27 1896

Alexander Macmillan (1818-1896), founder with his brother of the publishing house that bears the family name, was a friend to his authors as well as being their publisher, according to this obituary

DEATH OF MR. MACMILLAN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Alexander Macmillan, the founder, with his brother Daniel, of the eminent firm of publishers that bears his name.

Alexander Macmillan was the fourth and youngest son of Duncan Macmillan, a small farmer who, in the year 1816, had migrated from Arran to the little town of Irvine on the Ayrshire coast, where Alexander was born on October 3, 1818. He came of a tough Presbyterian stock. The family was very poor, but their home life was happy and even noble, under a mother who has been described as at once earnest and sympathetic, a woman who "without any speculative liberality has a remarkable openness of mind." Like his older brothers Malcolm and William, Alexander was brought up to be a schoolmaster ; but his extremely narrow means put much preparation out of the question.

In 1839 Daniel Macmillan, then an assistant at Messrs. Seeley's, found an opening for his brother in the same house, and sent for him from the little school at Nitshill, near Paisley, which he was keeping at the time. Alexander came up on a salary of £60 a year, and the brothers——at first with a sister——took lodgings in Bartlett's-buildings, Holborn, moving soon afterwards to Charter-house-square. The younger, like the elder, took to bookselling as to his natural vocation, and in February, 1843, the two brothers set up together as booksellers in London. A few months later they published their first book, A. R. Craig's "Philosophy of Training." In 1843 Daniel's friend Archdeacon Hare suggested that the Macmillans should take advantage of an opening in Cambridge, and with his assistance Daniel Macmillan bought Newby's business in Trinity-street, and moved thither. Before the end of the year the old Aldersgate-street shop was abandoned, and both brothers set up in Cambridge, where, in 1845, they bought another business, that of Mr. Stevenson. At Cambridge the brothers made their home ; there they married——Alexander taking to wife the sister of George Brimley, the essayist—— and there in 1857 Daniel died. In the next year Alexander opened a branch in London at 23, Henrietta-street, and in 1863 the headquarters of the firm were removed to 16, Bedford-street, Covent-garden, the retail business remaining at Cambridge, under the name of Macmillan and Bowes. It may be mentioned as an indication of the rapid growth of the business that, whereas in 1845 the firm published eight books and pamphlets, it published 16 in 1850, 44 in 1858 and 102 in 1863. The numbers then increased " by leaps and bounds," both in the direction of general literature and in that of educational works, of which the present output of the firm is enormous . . .

Alexander and his own particular group of authors had a strong mutual attraction for each other ; to Kingsley, F. D. Maurice, Thomas Hughes and later to John Richard Green and many others, he was a real friend. The long summer evenings which they and others used to spend at his hospitable house at Upper Tooting are a charming retrospect to those whose privilege it was to share them . . .

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■ A dispute between nations and religions that threatened to disrupt commemorations of the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz appeared to have been patched up.

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace laureate and a former camp inmate, called for a much tougher wording of a "declaration for peace and tolerance" to be issued by Nobel prizewinners led by President Walesa of Poland .... Pages 1, 8

Eric Cantona faces suspension

■ Eric Cantona, the Manchester United player and *enfant terrible* of football, was charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute following his assault on a Crystal Palace fan. Cantona seems certain to be dropped from the French national team and faces possible criminal charges over the incident .... Page 1

Regions opposed

The public opposes Labour's proposals for creating regional assemblies in England, which are central to the party's plans for devolution .... Pages 1, 9

Cabinet sceptical

A Cabinet meeting agreed to adopt a broadly Eurosceptic approach to the critical negotiations on the future of the European Union that will climax at the intergovernmental conference of 1996 .... Page 2

Forecasters blamed

Forecasters were blamed for disruption that paralysed much of northern England after unexpected heavy snow caught thousands of drivers on their way home from work and left at least four people dead .... Page 3

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The French are accusing a group of British dealers of smuggling an important Tiffany vase to New York .... Page 3

School violence

Teaching unions are increasingly alarmed at suggestions that the number of violent incidents at schools and assaults on staff is rising .... Page 5

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One of Britain's leading stamp dealers was fined £30,000 for masterminding a fraud operation. Alan Wilson was given a suspended sentence .... Page 6

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The nurse who removed a patient's appendix in an operation for which she had no formal training will keep her job. Page 7

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A report to be issued by Spain's leading animal rights organisation warns that most Spanish meat and sausages can damage people's health because animals are illegally fattened with huge doses of chemicals .... Page 10

Tamil agreement

After 12 years of war and more than 30,000 dead on all sides, the Tamil Tigers have offered to drop their demand for a separate Tamil homeland .... Page 11

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The House of Representatives looked set to water down the first radical Bill in Newt Gingrich's Contract with America requiring the Government to balance its books by 2002 .... Page 12

OJ attack

The leading lawyer for O.J. Simpson and one of the most prominent black attorneys in America, plans to launch a fierce attack on the Los Angeles Police .... Page 12

Yeltsin peace pledge

President Yeltsin pledged an early end to the Chechen war, as a general dismissed for refusing to command the invasion condemned the Defence Ministry for bad planning .... Page 13

Going, going . . . over the boundary

■ Even the chap from Lord's turned up at Bond Street to bid for the cricket memorabilia amassed by a Birmingham dentist called Hal Cohen. It is the finest trove of its kind to come on the market in 30 years. "Lot 115, a pencil and gouache picture 'In the Pavilion Enclosure' by Sir Robert Ponsonby Staples has gone home to Lord's," said the auctioneer .... Page 1

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Cricket: Led by an innings of 80 from their captain, Michael Atherton, England scored 196 for two on the opening day of the fourth Test match against Australia ... Page 38

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Tennis: Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and Mary Pierce will meet in the women's singles final of the Australian Open. Neither of them has dropped a set or been taken to a tie-break .... Page 37

Easter rising: Strindberg's drama, *Easter*, has been superbly revived, in flickering gaslight, by the Royal Shakespeare Company. The RSC has also announced that next season it will be expanding to include the Young Vic .... Page 31

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At its worst, this has been Satan's century. In no previous age have people shown so great an aptitude and appetite for killing millions of other people for race, religion or class *The New York Times*

One of the common knocks on Bill Clinton is that he doesn't really stand for anything. No longer true. After Tuesday night's State of the Union speech, it's clear that Mr Clinton stands for *everything*
Wall St Journal

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Nigel Le Vaillant plays a police surgeon in a series set in Warwickshire. *Dangerfield* (BBC1, 9.30pm) **Review:** Matthew Bond finds Jennifer Saunders less than chameleon-like in her portrayal of Lady Hester Stanhope .... Page 43

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Last year, the Prime Minister claimed that the Nolan committee would be an "ethical workshop"; its members still have time to justify his trust .... Page 17

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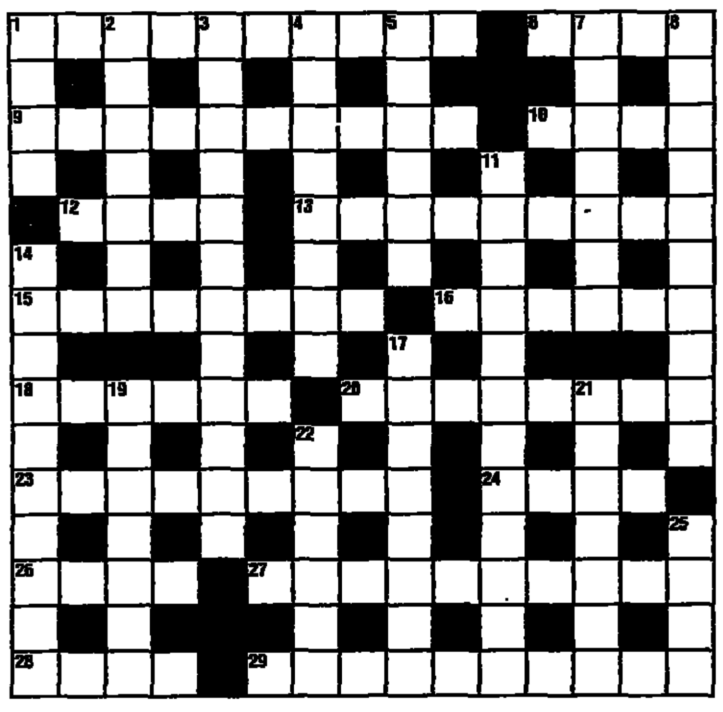

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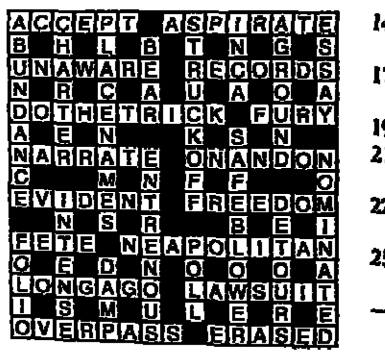

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Odiham, Hampshire, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Jersey, 1.31in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 1hr.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
7 47 am	4 40 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
1.09 pm	4.27 am

New Moon Jan 30

London 4 40 pm to 7 46 am
Bristol 4.50 pm to 7 55 am
Edinburgh 4 34 pm to 8.16 am
Manchester 4.41 pm to 8.01 am
Penzance 5.07 pm to 8.02 am

☐ **General situation:** rain will spread from the west into all parts. Scotland will start dry and bright, apart from a few showers in the northeast. Sleet or snow will spread north and east after midday and turn to rain. Northern Ireland brighter later in the day, with showers. England and Wales brighter and drier later in the day. Windy, but becoming steadily milder.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, Central N:** cold start, any mist clearing. Cloud thickening with rain. Winds S and SW strong to gale. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England:** cloud thickening, rain, preceded by sleet, spreading from the west. Clearer but showery later. Wind SW, strong to gale. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** cloudy with sleet turning to rain. Brightening later with showers, some heavy. Winds SE becoming SW fresh to strong Max 8C (46F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Central Highlands, NW Scotland:** cloudy with sleet or snow turning to rain. Wind SE strong to gale, becoming SW fresh to strong. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** showers dying out, further rain, sleet or snow later. Wind SW strong, locally gale. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **OUTLOOK:** turning brighter and showery for a time, but further rain will spread from the west.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.0	-	3	37	c	Lerwick	0.5	-	2	36	b
Anglesey	-	0.30	5	41	r	Littlehmptn	-	0.56	11	52	r
Aspatria	-	-	3	37	du	Liverpool	-	0.58	3	37	sn
Aviemore	-	-	1	34	sn	London	-	0.20	12	54	r
Belfast	-	-	5	41	fg	Lowestoft	-	0.21	6	43	r
Birmingham	-	0.24	5	41	r	Manchester	-	0.29	4	39	sl
Bognor R	-	0.58	11	52	r	Margate	X	0.22	11	52	r
Bournem'th	-	0.56	13	55	r	Minehead	-	0.66	13	55	d
Bristol	-	0.39	12	54	r	Morecambe	-	0.22	4	39	r
Buxton	-	0.19	1	34	sn	Newcastle	-	-	4	39	c
Cardiff	0.1	0.53	11	52	d	Newquay	-	0.54	13	55	c
Clacton	-	0.22	7	45	d	Norwich	-	0.17	5	41	r
Colwyn Bay	-	0.37	4	39	r	Nottingham	-	0.33	3	37	sl
Cromer	-	0.18	5	41	r	Oxford	-	0.36	11	52	r
Doncaster	-	0.21	3	37	r	Penzance	-	0.61	13	55	r
Edinburgh	-	-	3	37	du	Plymouth	-	0.34	11	52	r
Eskdalemuir	-	0.01	1	34	fg	Poole	-	0.53	12	54	du
Exmouth	0.1	0.71	13	55	c	Scarboro'	-	-	3	37	c
Falmouth	X	1.06	13	55	r	Scilly Isles	-	0.43	12	54	sh
Fishguard	-	0.20	11	52	r	Shanklin	-	0.81	12	54	r
Folkestone	-	0.37	11	52	r	Shrewsbury	-	0.36	4	39	r
Glasgow	-	0.10	4	39	r	Skegness	-	0.20	4	39	r
Guernsey	-	0.78	13	55	r	Southend	-	0.16	10	50	d
Hastings	-	0.74	11	52	d	Southport	-	0.29	4	39	sn
Hove	-	0.13	10	50	r	Swanage	-	0.66	12	54	sh
Hunstanton	-	0.09	5	41	r	Teignmouth	-	0.80	13	55	r
Isle of Man	-	0.14	7	45	r	Tenby	-	0.36	11	52	r
Jersey	-	1.31	12	54	r	Torquay	-	0.66	13	55	r
Kinloss	-	-	2	36	c	Weymouth	-	0.54	11	52	d
Leeds	-	0.08	4	39	sl						

These are Wednesday's figures

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	c	Corfu	15	59	f	Majorca	16	61	f	Rome	16	61	f
Akrotiri	17	63	s	Dublin	4	39	s	Malaga	19	66	s	Salzburg	8	46	s
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Dubrovnik	13	55	f	Malta	17	63	s	S Frisco	12	54	f
Algiers	19	66	s	Faro	17	63	f	Melb'rne	20	68	c	Santiago	31	88	s
Amst'dm	8	46	r	Florence	14	57	f	Mexico C	14	57	f	S Paulo	32	90	s
Athens	17	63	s	Frankfurt	14	57	f	Miami	18	64	s	Seoul	-3	27	s
Bahrain	16	61	s	Funchal	19	66	s	Milan	3	37	r	Sing'por	29	84	f
Bangkok	30	86	f	Geneva	10	50	f	Montreal	-3	27	s	Stkholm	-3	27	f
Barcelona	16	61	s	Gibraltar	17	63	c	Moscow	-1	30	c	Strasb'rg	12	54	f
Beirut	17	63	f	Helsinki	1	34	c	Munich	13	55	f	Sydney	23	73	s
Belgrade	18	64	s	Hong K	18	64	s	Nairobi	26	79	f	Tangier	16	61	c
Berlin	13	55	c	Innsbrck	1	34	f	Naples	14	57	c	Tel Aviv	18	64	s
Bermuda	17	63	s	Istanbul	11	52	s	N Delhi	18	64	s	Tenerife	19	66	s
Biarritz	13	55	f	Jeddah	29	84	s	N York	5	41	c	Tokyo	10	50	s
Borde'x	13	55	f	Jo'burg	26	79	f	Nice	11	52	r	Toronto	-1	30	sh
Brussels	12	54	c	Karachi	29	84	s	Oslo	-7	19	s	Tunis	21	70	s
Budapest	12	54	s	L Palmas	20	68	f	Paris	10	50	r	Valencia	17	63	f
B Aires	27	81	f	Le Tquet	6	43	f	Peking	2	36	s	Vanc'ver	6	43	f
Cairo	19	66	s	Lisbon	15	59	c	Perth	30	86	s	Venice	6	43	f
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Locarno	4	39	d	Prague	13	55	f	Vienna	13	55	s
Chicago	-2	28	s	L Angels	13	55	r	Reykjavik	-7	19	s	Warsaw	7	45	c
Ch'church	19	66	-	Luxembg	10	50	r	Rhodes	16	61	f	Wash'ton	4	39	s
Cologne	13	55	f	Luxor	22	72	s	Rio de J	28	82	f	Wel'ngton	21	70	f
C'phagn	1	34	sn	Madrid	12	54	c	Riyadh	15	59	f	Zurich	12	54	f

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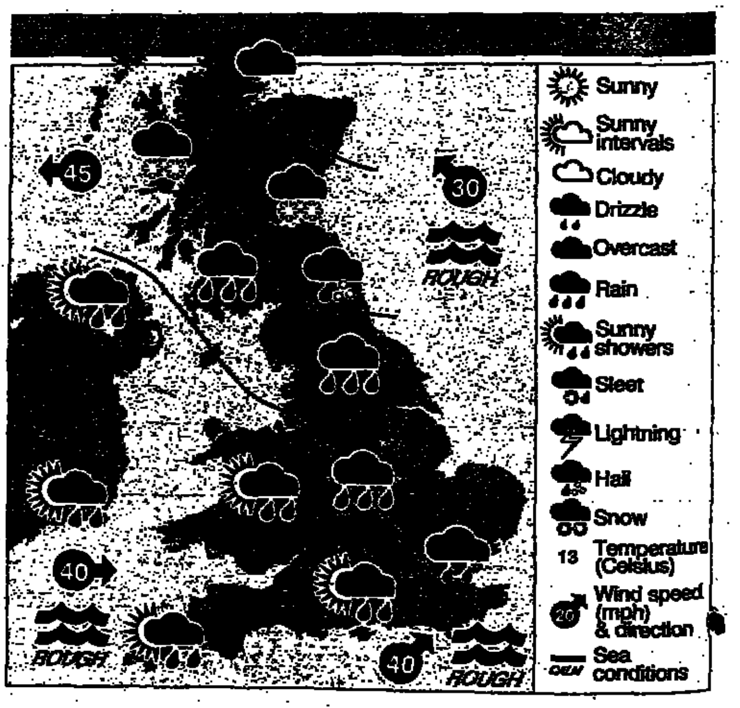

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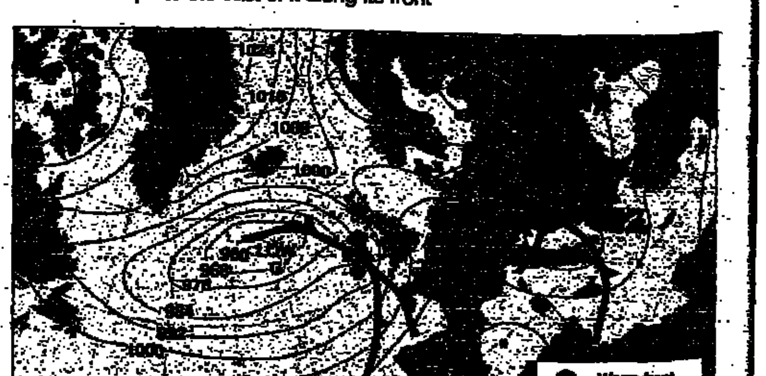

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Aberdeen	9:54	3.81	10:28	3.83	Liverpool	7:32	8.22	8:09	8.22
Avonmouth	3:08	10.64	3:49	11.01	Lowestoft	5:33	2.24	6:22	2.20
Belfast	7:25	3.11	7:57	3.26	Margate	8:08	4.12	8:55	4.11
Cardiff	3:10	9.91	3:44	10.13	Milford Haven	2:24	6.63	3:03	5.79
Devonport	1:41	4.60	2:23	4.62	Newquay	1:29	5.68	2:06	5.88
Dover	7:11	5.79	7:55	5.77	Oban	2:35	3.24	3:07	3.29
Dublin	8:09	3.76	8:43	3.89	Penzance	0:52	4.61	1:29	4.63
Falmouth	1:15	4.36	1:54	4.54	Portland	2:30	1.57	3:02	1.52
Glasgow	9:14	4.02	9:27	4.19	Portsmouth	7:34	4.28	8:19	4.18
Harwich	7:30	3.46	8:33	3.46	Shoreham	7:35	5.30	8:18	5.27
Holyhead	6:47	4.82	7:25	4.91	Southampton	7:03	4.11	7:45	3.95
Hull	2:18	6.48	3:01	6.42	Swansea	2:24	7.84	3:02	8.04
Ilfracombe	2:06	7.73	2:41	7.93	Tees	-	-	0:21	4.49
King's Lynn	2:34	5.76	3:09	5.86	W'tton-on-Nze	8:03	3.65	8:43	3.72

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Wellcome board rejects Glaxo bid

By Patricia Tehan

WELLCOME, the drugs company, has refused to endorse a £9.4 billion bid from its rival Glaxo, and urged its biggest shareholder to hold out for a better offer.

In a statement yesterday, the board of Wellcome said that the Glaxo bid was inadequate and that it had asked the Wellcome Trust, which owns 39.5 per cent of the shares and had conditionally accepted the offer, not to make a commitment to accept it.

Wellcome's shares shot up 32p to close last night at 986p on hope of a higher offer.

Although Wellcome said that it was actively exploring opportunities of achieving a better offer, few companies could afford to bid higher, and analysts said that it was most unlikely that another firm would step in.

The Glaxo offer for Wellcome is final, and cannot be amended unless there is a rival bid.

Wellcome did acknowledge that a takeover, in one form or another, was now inevitable. The statement said: "The Wellcome board accepts the clear realities of the situation and the fact that the Trust has decided to dispose of its shareholding."

John Robb, Wellcome's chairman and chief executive, said: "Some form of change in the structure of Wellcome is likely as a result of this development. It is unlikely that we shall be the same as we were last Friday night."

He said that he was disappointed that Robert Fleming, the merchant bank advising the Trust, had advised it to refuse a requested meeting with the firm.

Glaxo launched its bid on Monday after obtaining, on Sunday, the Trust's agreement to accept it. However, under its agreement with Glaxo, the Trust was given four days in which it can opt out of acceptance. It has until midnight tonight to decide whether to confirm its undertaking to accept the bid.

If it confirms, it will give an irrevocable undertaking to accept the offer by the first closing date, subject to High Court approval and unless there is a higher bid. It is likely to apply for court approval to sell its shares on Monday. Wellcome will be present in court, but is understood to be unable to oppose the move on legal grounds.

Glaxo is offering 722p in cash and 0.47 of a new Glaxo share for each Wellcome share, valuing Wellcome shares at 1,025p, and valuing the company at £8.9 billion. Including unexercised share options, it values Wellcome at £9.4 billion.

If the Trust does sign the letter, Wellcome fears that it may give the wrong signals to any potential counter-bidder.

Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive of Glaxo, said that he expected to receive confirmation today that the advice given to the Trust by Robert Fleming remains unchanged.

Sir Richard expressed disappointment at Wellcome's reaction. He said: "Glaxo remains convinced that the proposed merger is not only in the best interests of both Wellcome and Glaxo shareholders, but that it will also secure Britain's leading position in the pharmaceutical industry, which is undergoing fundamental change across the world. The commercial logic of our bid is clear."

Mr Robb said that after a "long and exhaustive exercise" Wellcome's board had decided that the offer did not give full value. He said that the board had information, which it could show potential white knights, demonstrating hidden value in Wellcome.

A takeover of Wellcome by Glaxo would create the world's largest drugs company. The bid is the biggest seen in the City, and the £6.5 billion bank loan raised by Glaxo to fund it is the largest seen in the UK.

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Glaxo also puts Affymax in week's shopping basket

By Patricia Tehan and Sarah Bagnall

GLAXO continued along the acquisition trail yesterday, unveiling its second bid in less than a week with the agreed $485 million purchase of Affymax, a drugs discovery company.

The Affymax offer of $30 a share will be financed out of Glaxo's own resources. As with the Wellcome deal, Affymax employees who hold share options will also benefit. Glaxo expects to pay an additional sum to option holders, at a total cost of up to $550 million.

Affymax, which is incorporated in The Netherlands, but quoted on Nasdaq, is a leader in the emerging field of combinatorial chemistry, which makes chemicals on a huge scale and selects those with the greatest potential for medical use. Glaxo would turn any successes into medicines.

Its scientists, who are based at two research facilities in California, have created a broad portfolio of proprietary technologies that enable the simultaneous synthesis and screening of millions of compounds.

Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo's chief executive, said that through the acquisition of Affymax, "Glaxo will significantly improve its ability to find innovative medicines, which is our goal."

For the 12 months to December 31 1993, Affymax reported consolidated revenues of $15.2 million, a net loss of $20.3 million and total shareholders' funds at the end of that year of $97.0 million. In the nine months to September 30 its consolidated revenues were $16.2 million and it made a net loss of $14.2 million. Total shareholders' funds at September 30 were $92.6 million.

Cadbury makes formal offer

David Wellings yesterday said the deal will create the world's largest non-cola producer

By Martin Waller

CADBURY SCHWEPPES, the confectionery group, is bidding $33 a share for Dr Pepper, the American soft drinks business, and asking its shareholders to stump up £395 million in fresh funds to help pay for the deal.

But an innovative alternative to last year's final dividend has trimmed the amount that Cadbury needs to find, including £23 million that would otherwise be due in advance corporation tax.

Cadbury has launched a one-for-seven rights issue at 340p, to raise the £395 million, and is adding £1.09 billion to its borrowings. The deal follows reports at the weekend of merger talks between Cadbury and Dr Pepper, the third largest soft drinks company in the US and owner of the Seven-Up brand, that were subsequently confirmed by the British company.

Cadbury at the start of the week had talked of issuing new equity worth £500 million. The smaller size of the rights in the event sent the company's share price, which had fallen on Monday, ahead by 23½p to 422p.

The total cost of buying the 77 per cent of Dr Pepper Cadbury does not already own, including assumed debt, is £1.6 billion.

David Wellings, Cadbury's chief executive, said the deal fulfilled the group's aim to become the largest non-cola brand owner in the world. Cadbury has buttressed the deal by releasing an estimate of pre-tax profits for the year to end-December. These rose from £416.3 million in 1993 to at least £475 million, after £23 million of restructuring costs, while earnings per share increased from 30.59p to 31.3p.

The company will pay an 11p second interim dividend in place of a final, making a total of 15.6p, an 8.3 per cent increase. But shareholders who take up the underwritten scrip dividend alternative can eventually opt to receive between 14.7p, guaranteed by the scheme's underwriters, and 16.5p.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3007.3	(+25.1)
Yield	4.30%	
FT-SE A All share	1489.05	(+9.46)
Nikkei	18070.84	(-88.64)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3861.69	(-9.76)*
S&P Composite	467.79	(+0.25)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 7/16%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	95 25/32*	(95 25/32)
Yield	7.87%*	(7.87%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 11/16%	(6 11/16%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	101 9/32	(100 11/16)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5913*	(1.5915)
London:		
$	1.5921	(1.5921)
DM	2.4096	(2.4154)
FFr	8.3390	(8.3550)
SFr	2.0275	(2.0307)
Yen	158.08	(158.70)
£ Index	80.1	(80.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5130*	(1.5176)
FFr	5.2405*	(5.2485)
SFr	1.2738*	(1.2775)
Yen	99.33*	(99.52)
$ Index	62.4	(62.6)

Tokyo close Yen 99.54

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Apr)	$16.65	($16.65)

GOLD

London close	$381.00	($381.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Deficit up

Britain's trade deficit with countries outside the European Union soared in December as imports surged but analysts were mystified about why such a sudden deterioration had occurred after a year of good news on trade. The shortfall jumped to £1.05 billion compared with November's revised deficit of £435 million. Page 22

Banking bid

Stockmarket dealers are poised for a bid in the banking sector, with a number of big name banks mentioned as possible targets. Page 24

C&W joins Veba in telecoms battle

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

CABLE AND WIRELESS has formed a strategic telecoms alliance with Veba, the German electricity and oil group. They plan to attack the German telecoms monopoly and to pool management of their expanding interests in the rest of the European Community other than Britain.

If the alliance can secure the licences it needs as continental monopolies are opened to full competition after 1998, they will share investment of more than £2 billion in Germany over the next ten years and a like sum elsewhere, mainly in France, Italy and Spain. The alliance will concentrate on PCN-based mobile telecommunications until 1998.

Veba bought a 5 per cent stake in C&W for £430 million yesterday as part of an agreement for it to buy up to 10.5 per cent, which will be frozen for ten years unless others build higher stakes. Under C&W's articles, no holder may vote more than 15 per cent. NatWest Securities bought the shares at 395p by 11.45am, well below the 435p maximum Veba set for six months. C&W shares were unchanged on the day at 378p.

Ulrich Hartmann, executive chairman of Veba, is to join C&W's board, but Lord Young of Graffham, C&W's chairman, said: "I have no desire to go on their board. First, they have not invited me."

In the German alliance, C&W is to buy a 45 per cent stake of Vebacom, although terms are not yet agreed. Vebacom already has an interest in a mobile network, and access to cable systems and other infrastructure. It aims to be the prime competitor to Deutsche Telekom and to gain a 10 per cent share of the market, Europe's biggest, by 2003.

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Saatchi denies plague calls

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

SAATCHI & SAATCHI has denied all knowledge of the nuisance telephone calls that have plagued friends and relatives of four former top executives since they quit the advertising group a fortnight ago.

Inquiries by *The Times* suggest the calls, purporting to come from BT and attempting to elicit the identities and addresses of individuals linked to the four men, were continuing until Wednesday.

Saatchi said a letter from lawyers acting for Nick Hurrell, one of the four, had been received by its solicitor blaming it for the calls.

"That letter sought to suggest these calls were at our instigation. That's not the sort of behaviour we would want anybody to be involved in," Saatchi said.

The calls purport to be from BT, which has denied any involvement, checking a fictitious fault on the line and demanding names and addresses. The only common link in almost all cases is that the people being called, often at home in the evening, are known to the four men, who have chosen to join the rival agency being set up by Maurice Saatchi.

Saatchi said the company had examined telephone records at the Charlotte Street HQ of the agency from which the four had defected. "None of those calls have been made from the agency, and the agency has made it clear that they would deprecate anybody making such calls," it added.

BAe-ATR merger will cost 1,000 UK jobs

By Carl Mortished

THE future of Europe's regional aircraft industry is being written in Toulouse after the creation of a joint venture between British Aerospace and ATR, the Franco-Italian aircraft manufacturer.

BAe said yesterday that the merger would involve shutting down production of its Jetstream 61 turbo-prop plane and the loss of up to 1,000 jobs in the UK. The closure will cost BAe £250 million, with a write-off of £215 million in the 1994 accounts.

The aerospace group, whose bid for the shipbuilder VSEL is being reviewed by the monopolies commission, estimates that pre-tax profits in 1994 were £185 million before the writedowns. It intends to pay a dividend for the year of 10p (8.3p).

The deal, signed late on Wednesday, brings together the marketing, sales and customer support activities of BAe's Jetstream 41 and Avro regional jet aircraft with ATR's turbo-prop business. ATR is a joint venture between Aerospatiale of France and Alenia, part of Italy's Finmeccanica group. Initially, the partners will not transfer production to the joint venture, based in Toulouse, which is intended to break even with costs borne equally by the three companies. Production of new aircraft will be shared between the partners. "We have started talking about final assembly in Toulouse," said Dick Evans, BAe's chief executive.

BAe's plant in Manchester could suffer 600 job losses when Jetstream 61 production ceases and BAe will have to bear up to 400 job losses as functions are transferred to Toulouse.

Mike Turner, chairman of BAe's commercial aircraft division, said that the regional aircraft market was overcrowded. BAe has made provisions of £1.25 billion over the past three years against the business which lost £79 million in the second half. It forecasts that closure of the Jetstream 61, which has failed to secure orders, will save £50 million in a full year but the commercial aircraft division, which includes the profitable Airbus, could still be losing an annualised £100 million.

Mr Evans described the joint venture as "a piece of the architecture" and confirmed that talks continued with other European manufacturers, including DASA, the German group, while long-term an Asian partner would be needed to secure access to the Far East market.

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Still room for improvement, says Heseltine

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITISH industry needs to improve its underlying performance still further in spite of encouraging changes in the economy. Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, said yesterday as he announced that the Government is to publish a new White Paper on industrial competitiveness.

Business leaders welcomed the idea of a second White Paper on Britain's comparative economic performance, even though many privately recognise that Mr Heseltine's first White Paper on the issue published last year has not achieved a wholesale improvement in the UK's economic performance. In advance of last year's document, the Department of Trade and Industry said that the Britain was about 25 per cent behind its major competitors in terms of economic performance, and Mr Heseltine acknowledged yesterday that the gap between Britain and its principal competitors still exists.

Speaking last night in London to the French Chamber of Commerce, Mr Heseltine stressed that a focus on competitiveness was not about solving a single problem. He added that there were three key areas that the Government itself could influence — the macroeconomy, education and regulation. But he said: "The idea that a twiddle on interest rates or even an adjustment of our currencies will address structural weaknesses in our economy is nonsense." While Britain's recent economic performance had been outstanding, economic improvement should not dissuade industry from trying to improve its underlying performance still further. He cited as an example the 1 per cent fall in the UK's unit wage costs over the last year as against a 3 per cent fall in the USA and a 6 per cent fall in Germany.

The new White Paper, which is expected to be published in the summer, will build on last year's document. It will cover the range of factors important to competitiveness, update and extend details of the UK's strengths and weaknesses, show the ways in which government and industry are now working in partnership and demonstrate how the Government intends to respond to the business challenges of coming years.

Some outside commentators are sceptical about the whole notion of inter-country competitiveness, and some of Mr Heseltine's political opponents inside the Conservative party claim there will again be little of moment in the new White Paper. But Howard Davies, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, said it was welcome news, in line with what the CBI had been seeking.

Labour said that last year's White Paper had been widely recognised as a missed opportunity to halt Britain's industrial decline, and the new document would have as little effect.

Banks 'still reluctant to lend to small firms'

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

BANKS are still pre-occupied with profit rather than customer service, and are making it difficult for many small companies to borrow, according to a report published today.

The findings of the *Bank Relationship Survey* contradict the findings of the latest Bank of England report on finance for small firms, published on Tuesday.

The Bank found a marked improvement in the relationship between banks and small firms in the past two years. It found that the pricing of fees and charges for small firms had become more transparent, and margins on loans had been more stable during the past year.

However, today's survey by the Manchester Business School for the Bank Consultancy Group shows as many as one in eight companies have changed their bank in the last two years and one in five are thinking of doing so.

Although firms have found that the problems of credit availability had reduced, the survey found increased concern "that banks are widening their spreads rather than passing on cuts in interest rates".

Small firms with turnover below £2 million "still believe that banks are reluctant to lend to them".

The survey found that all banks were increasing security and guarantee arrangements dramatically, and that customers of Barclays, Midland and Royal Bank of Scotland were more likely to face lending restrictions.

The firm surveyed 1,500 companies. The biggest source of complaint was over fees, followed by service quality.

Barclays and Lloyds were seen as the most demanding for existing fees and the introduction of new ones, while Yorkshire, Clydesdale and Barklays had the weakest position for service quality.

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Current account: Tim Thwaites, chairman, right, and Gary Pettet, managing director, toasting doubled interim profits yesterday of £718,000 before tax for Grosvenor Inns, the public house company whose brands include Hedgehog and Hogshead and Slug and Lettuce

Strong imports send Britain's non-EU trade deficit soaring

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN'S trade deficit with countries outside the European Union soared in December as imports surged but analysts were mystified about why such a sudden deterioration had occurred after a year of good news on trade.

The shortfall jumped to £1.05 billion compared with November's upward revised deficit of £435 million. The City had been expecting a deficit in December of nearer to £400 million.

Imports rose by more than 5 per cent to a record £6.34 billion and exports fell by about the same amount to £5.29 billion, according to the Central Statistical Office. Even in underlying terms — excluding oil and erratics — exports fell by 5 per cent compared with the previous month and imports jumped by more than 7 per cent.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, warned against reading too much into volatile monthly figures. He noted that the non-EU visible trade deficit of £6.5 billion for the year was the lowest since 1987 and demonstrated the success of Britain's export-led recovery.

Brian Wilson, Labour's trade spokesman, said the figures were deeply worrying and "put in perspective the Government's bloated claims of an export-led recovery".

Yesterday's figures showing a drop in exports sits uneasily with Tuesday's Confederation of British Industry survey showing rising export optimism among manufacturers. Hoare Govett noted that, despite December's fall, export trends remain strongly upwards, although other analysts said that the boost to exports from sterling's post-ERM depreciation may now be running out.

Imports are more worrying. These were, to many, suspiciously low throughout last year, prompting worries about the accuracy of the statistics. Nevertheless, the suddenness of December's jump does suggest a blip.

But some in the City interpreted the rise in imports as a sign that domestic demand is strong, and said that the trend of imports is now strongly upwards.

Andrew Cates of UBS Ltd, a firm that has been consistently pessimistic on the outlook for the trade balance, said that he expected a significant deterioration in the current account over the next two years. This contrasts with other forecasters who have been predicting a surplus on the current account as early as next year.

Greenspan reassures bond markets

REASSURING words from Alan Greenspan, president of the US Federal Reserve, helped to offset the negative impact in the Treasury bond market of stronger US durable goods orders figures yesterday (Janet Bush writes).

Orders rose by 1.4 per cent in December and 0.1 per cent excluding the strong transport sector, provoking a downturn in the bond market which is sensitive to any signs that the economy remains robust in spite of the six increases in interest rates over the past year.

However, calm returned after Mr Greenspan said the "very torrid" pace of US growth in the latter half of 1994 is slowing. His comments come shortly before the Federal Open Market Committee meets on Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss interest rates amid speculation that it will choose to push its Federal Funds rate up again.

World bond markets also received cheer as western German inflation fell to 2.3 per cent in January, its lowest since June 1990, from 2.7 per cent in December. Also, the Bundesbank hit its key M3 money supply target for 1994. Its target was for growth of between 4 and 6 per cent: it turned out at 5.7 per cent.

Prudential picks team to replace Newmarch

By Robert Miller

THE PRUDENTIAL yesterday appointed Sir Martin Jacomb, the group's chairman-designate, to head a special committee of non-executive directors to find a successor to Mick Newmarch, who left his post as chief executive on Monday. Sir Martin takes over in June from Sir Brian Corby as chairman of the Prudential, Britain's largest insurer.

The Prudential said last night that the appointment of a special committee did not rule out a successor to Mr Newmarch coming from within the company's own ranks.

Contrary to some reports, the board tried to talk Mr Newmarch out of resigning. It is understood, however, that the extra stress caused by the Stock Exchange investigation of his share dealings was the final straw for him.

The internal front runners to succeed Mr Newmarch include Hugh Jenkins, 61, who took over from him as investment director. Another is Keith Bedell Pearce, 47, the chief executive of the company's financial services arm, and a long shot is Jim Sutcliffe, 37, who heads the Prudential's home services division, which sells policies direct to investors.

One regulator urged for post and telecomms

BRITAIN'S entire communications industry, including posts, telecommunications and broadcasting, should come under a single regulator, the new trade union for communications said yesterday (Philip Bassett writes).

The proposal for a single regulator, directly accountable to Parliament and with a wider brief than promotion of competition, came from leaders of the new Communication Workers' Union, officially vested yesterday after a merger of the UCW postal workers' union and the NCU telecomms union. The new union, with 290,000 members, will be Britain's sixth-largest.

Coca-Cola claims victory as quarter profits leap to $567m

By Susan Gilchrist and Sean Mac Carthaigh

COCA-COLA claimed victory in the cola wars yesterday as the American soft drinks giant reported a strong rise in sales in Britain despite increased competition.

The group said sales rose 21 per cent in the third quarter of 1994 and by 10 per cent in the final quarter. It said volumes increased across the board including sales to Sainsbury, the UK's biggest supermarket chain which launched its own brand last April.

Sainsbury's Classic Cola has proved a huge success. It now has a market share of 9 per cent in supermarkets, almost half that of Pepsi. Its launch has been followed by similar moves by other grocery chains, including Safeway and Asda. Virgin, Richard Branson's business empire, also introduced its own range of colas at the end of last year.

Overall the group's profits rose to $567 million, or 44 cents a share, in the fourth quarter from $466 million, or 36 cents per share, in the same period of 1993. "We have been systematically building a global growth machine, and the machine is running on all cylinders," Roberto Goizueta, the firm's chairman and chief executive, explained.

For the year, Coca-Cola earned $2.56 billion, or $1.98 a share, compared to $2.18 billion, or $1.67 a share, in 1993. Revenues for the quarter were up to $4.08 billion from $3.37 billion; for the full year, revenues jumped to $16.17 billion, from 1993's $13.96 billion.

The company said expansion in Britain, Japan and Mexico had fueled international post-mix volume by 14 per cent over the year, international unit case volume advanced 11 per cent and gallon shipments grew 10 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Misys earns £11.2m at half-way stage

MISYS, the computer software and services group, is optimistic about prospects after pre-tax profits rose to £11.2 million in the six months to November 30, against £8.01 million last time. Turnover at the acquisitive company expanded by 52 per cent to £63.9 million. Kapiti, the software company acquired last April, made a better-than-expected first full contribution.

Profits and sales at the financial services division rose 29 per cent, largely due to Misys Financial Systems, which was boosted by a further increase in electronic transaction volumes after growing demand for insurance products. A strong order book helped trading profits in the computer systems division to advance 41 per cent, on sales ahead by 62 per cent. Cash balances improved by £2 million to £35 million. Earnings increased 16 per cent to 16.2p (14p) a share, while a better-than-expected interim dividend of 3.45p (3p) helped the shares to firm 3p to 418p.

MCI soars to $794m

MCI, BT's American partner, announced a 36 per cent jump in annual profits yesterday. Earnings for the world's third largest long-distance carrier in 1994 were $794 million, up from $581 million in 1993, the company said. Per share income rose to $1.04 to $1.32. Revenue for last year touched $13.34 billion, against $11.92 billion in 1993. For the last quarter, income per share rose to 22 cents from 18 cents, while revenue advanced to $3.4 billion from $3.1 billion. The company expressed delight with its alliance with BT, which saw BT take a 20 per cent stake in MCI for $4.3 billion.

P&G sales soar

PROCTER & GAMBLE says that its sales volume is up 14 per cent in Europe, indicating some success in its feud with Unilever. "Our detergent market share has reached an all-time high in Britain of 53 per cent, and the new Ariel Futur product is going well there," Terry Loftus, a spokesman, said. The company's washing products include Daz and Fairy Liquid; in the nappy market, its Pampers brand took it to a new high of 55 per cent of the European market. For its first half, to December 31, the company reported profits of $1.54 billion, against $1.32 billion in the same period in 1993.

Crest Packaging slips

CREST PACKAGING, the packaging and carton maker that floated in 1993, suffered a further decline. Pre-tax profits dipped to £1.84 million (£2.43 million) in the 26 weeks to October 29, on flat turnover of £21.6 million. Operating profits at the flexible packaging division slid 23 per cent, on turnover 3 per cent lower, while the carton division lifted profits 8 per cent, on turnover ahead 4 per cent. A reduced tax charge of 25 per cent (40 per cent) helped to restrict the dip in earnings to 3.5p (3.6p) a share. There is a first-time interim dividend of 1.375p, due to be paid on March 23.

Menvier Swain lights up

MENVIER SWAIN, the emergency lighting and alarms group which has been in on-off bid talks with the troubled Scantronic security components group, increased pre-tax profits by 26 per cent to £5.17 million in the half year to October 31, on turnover ahead 22 per cent to £41.1 million. Earnings climbed to 6.9p (5.6p) a share and the interim dividend, payable on April 6, is raised to 1.6p (1.3p). The shares added 9p to 273p. Bid talks between Menvier Swain and Scantronic were abandoned last month after the two companies failed to settle on a confidentiality agreement.

Iberia test for Kinnock

NEIL KINNOCK, the new European Transport Commissioner, faces an early test after the Spanish Government notified the European Commission of its plan to inject 150 billion pesetas (£700 million) of state aid into Iberia, the Spanish airline, in what promises to become a controversial case of airline subsidies. The European Commission recently watered down its state aid policies, abandoning the rule under which state-owned companies can get a one-time injection of state aid in return for a restructuring plan. Iberia received 120 billion pesetas in state aid in 1992.

CLM's first results

CLM, the Lloyd's of London investment trust, unveiled its first full year results since listing in November 1993. Net revenue before tax was £1.66 million for the period November 6 1993 to December 31, struck after fees and expenses of £2.2 million. Total income from investments — dividends and interest — was £3.9 million. The company is paying a final dividend of 0.98p on 28 February, lifting the total dividend on an annualised basis to 2.08p. The dividend is being paid out of earnings of 1.18p a share. The shares remained unchanged at 92p.

Swalec windfarm plan

SOUTH Wales Electricity (Swalec) is planning to spend £70 million on four windfarm generators in Wales. The new windfarms, being developed in conjunction with National Wind Power, will be at Gelligaer, near Merthyr Tydfil; Llandegley, near Llandrindod Wells; Jordanston, near Fishguard; and at Cilciffeth, near Haverfordwest. The four will have a combined total of up to 140 turbines and produce enough electricity for about 80,000 homes. Swalec is already a significant shareholder in two similar plants at Bryn Titli in mid Wales and at Kirkby Moor in Cumbria.

Inflation rises in EU

INFLATION in the European Union rose slightly to 3.1 per cent in December, the first increase in four months. Greece has the highest rate of inflation, at 10.8 per cent last month, with France the lowest, at 1.6 per cent, according to the report from Eurostat, the EU's statistical arm. Britain's inflation rate of 2.9 per cent was the seventh lowest among the 12 existing members. For the new EU members, the report said the rate was 2.6 per cent in Austria, 1.6 per cent in Finland and 2.5 per cent in Sweden.

QVC unscrambles its wares in search for customers

ick sale: Damon Hill appeared on the channel to sell signed copies of his book

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

QUICK, easy and cheap it may be, but QVC, Britain's first non-stop home shopping television channel, has finally conceded that its range of products — from watering cans to watches — is proving of a turn-off for viewers.

In an attempt to boost its meagre ratings, QVC has decided to offer its station to all cable and satellite television viewers for free. At present its sign is scrambled and can only be watched by the 3.95 million subscribers to the multi-channel package of stations operated by BSkyB, the satellite television company.

Sources at QVC say that the proposed decision to unscramble its signal should be finalised with BSkyB within the next two weeks. They estimate that the move will extend the station's reach to the vast majority of the 750,000 cable and satellite homes that are not BSkyB subscribers.

QVC has had a chequered history since it was launched in the UK in October 1993. Although there are no official viewing figures available, its audiences are lamentably low and are thought rarely to reach 250,000.

Even though its relatively low overheads allow it to offer brand-name goods at a considerable discount to high street stores, it has scarcely caused a ripple in the UK retail world.

The company admitted unofficially last year that it was at least £12 million behind its first year target. Barry Diller, former chairman of QVC's American parent, QVC Inc, did not help matters when he admitted at the last Edinburgh television festival that the company was leaking money "like a sieve".

In an attempt to polish its image, the channel recently persuaded Sir David Attenborough, the broadcaster and naturalist, Damon Hill, the racing driver and Judith Miller, author of a number of best-selling antiques guides, to appear on its screens to sell signed copies of their latest books.

A QVC spokeswoman denied the company was in crisis. "We regard ourselves more as a retailer than a television channel ... We are doing extremely well, in the run up to Christmas, we sold 400,000 items," she said. QVC is 20 per cent owned by BSkyB, in which News International, owner of *The Times*, is a major shareholder.

RATES

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Australia $	2.18	2.01
Austria Sch	17.98	16.48
Belgium Fr	52.74	48.44
Canada $	2.253	2.193
Cyprus Cyp£	0.784	0.729
Denmark Kr	10.13	9.33
Finland Mkk	8.09	7.44
France Fr	8.79	8.14
Germany Dm	2.57	2.38
Greece Dr	397.00	372.00
Hong Kong $	12.94	11.94
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2645.00	2490.00
Japan Yen	172.50	158.50
Malta	0.620	0.585
Netherlds Gld	2.857	2.627
Norway Kr	11.16	10.36
Portugal Esc	260.50	242.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.38
Spain Pta	217.00	203.00
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☐ Lord Young's humility has paid off ☐ Wellcome declines to capitulate ☐ Hard sell for soft drinks

Clear line to Germany

☐ THERE is no doubting who is the senior partner in the strategic alliance between Cable & Wireless and Veba. The domestic power and oil distributing utility logically has the senior interest in their German joint venture. But Veba also sees C&W, more vaguely, as its vehicle for telecoms beyond western Europe. It should have no trouble building a 10.5 per cent stake in C&W, judging from the rush of institutions to offer stock yesterday. And its chairman joins C&W's board whereas Lord Young was not invited to reciprocate.

You might think that this was simply because Veba is much bigger. But its £10.5 billion market value is only a quarter more than that of C&W, which is a more global company. Lord Young explains the mismatch as a cultural difference between continental and Anglo-Saxon ways. Buying a long-term stake in C&W is the Germans' funny way of honouring the alliance. But this hardly washes.

In C&W's business, strategic minority stakes are the norm, at least at subsidiary level. And Veba made it clear yesterday that it was not shelling out £870 million on C&W shares for fun. It hopes to be an influential insider, becoming a preferred partner elsewhere if not having any more control than its one board seat and minority stake suggest. One such alliance might be in eastern Europe, oddly excluded from the agreement. C&W has its own bases in Latvia and St Petersburg and reckons that enough for the moment. But Veba is talking power stations in Poland and old Prussia and would love to talk telecoms too if it had the expertise.

Cultural differences will need to be be sorted out. Veba is a bigger force in Germany than its market value suggests, ranking high in the German industrial pantheon and well aware of its status and bulging wallet. Among potential German partners for telecoms groups in Europe's biggest market, Veba has the most clout and the best chance of winning licences. That gave it the whip hand. It rejected British Telecom, for instance, because BT was mainly interested in Germany and did not seem to offer an entrée for Veba to spread its new telecom ambitions to other parts.

In return for humility, however, C&W has won itself a fine-looking business deal. It has leapt into pole position in Germany, forged a powerful alliance for the rest of the EC and secured better access to funds. After the Pacific, UK and the Americas, the fourth main leg of its world strategy is well-forged.

With mobile network assets already on the ground, the continent could deliver useful profits in years rather than decades and, to give shareholders a taste, C&W has improved the market for its own shares now, rather than issuing new paper. Not that you would guess this from City reaction. After such momentous news and a big share-buying operation, C&W shares ended the day unchanged.

Mr Robb deserves a hearing

☐ WELLCOME'S board was not given much choice over its future. It had no chance to negotiate with Glaxo. Yet Glaxo conducted intensive negotiations with the Wellcome Trust, which holds virtually 40 per cent. Given that other shareholders have had a bumpy, if exhilarating, ride in Wellcome shares, John Robb and his colleagues had little hope of defeating a Glaxo bid with two fifths in the bag.

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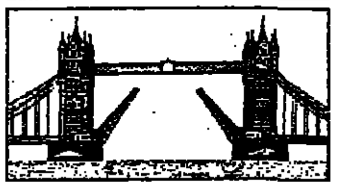

In such circumstances, outsiders are likely to think that the spurned Wellcome board's rejection is both inevitable and ritualistic. They have nothing to lose and might gain a higher bid if a third party can be conjured up. There are few potential rivals, but they are mighty and would not necessarily quail at the cpmbined might of Glaxo and its Trust allies.

This is an unhappy situation. Any company deserves its day in court before its fate is decided, to defend itself, explain its deeper virtues, hidden assets and immediate prospects. Wellcome is, in its own right, one of Britain's leading growth companies. Yet it has not been able to present its case for a higher price either to Glaxo or, since the deal was done, to the Wellcome Trust. Presenting it other shareholders is also rather a forlorn exercise. The only useful audience is another rival drugs company.

This is Anglo-Saxon capitalism at its most brutal. But it is essentially the product of the close relationship between the company and the charity its founder set up to own it, shepherd it and distribute its fruits.

Even after previous share sales, Wellcome may have had a false sense of security. Yet relationships can sour and the parent become the child's worst enemy. Trustees must fulfil their statutory duties, but it is clear that thry have fallen out with Mr Robb. They may not have been impressed with some boardroom comings and goings, notably the recent departure of Trevor Jones, UK research director. Failure to gain the confidently expected approval for over-the-counter sales of Zovirax in America will not have helped.

If trustees have duties, however, management that has not failed deserves some rights. Mr Robb should have a meaningful way of stating his case.

Cadbury tastes red Pepper

☐ THE abrupt recovery in shares of Cadbury Schweppes suggests that the financing plan put in place to pay for Dr Pepper, whatever the long-term prospects for that business, will cause rather less damage to the balance sheet than had been feared.

That said, gearing will rise to 150 per cent, even after £1.1 billion-worth of Dr Pepper brands are taken onto the Cadbury balance sheet, and interest cover for this year will drop from well above ten in 1994 to below the company's internal target of five for the current year.

The scrip dividend alternative, underwritten and linked to the rights issue, could save the company from finding £111 million of the purchase price. There will be no dilution in 1995, while 1996 will see some enhancement in earnings from the deal. The terms, therefore, fulfill to the letter the conditions promised by Cadbury at the start of the week, after news of the proposed purchase first leaked.

But Cadbury is merely buying a large chunk of the American soft drinks market, raising its market share from 5 per cent to 16 per cent or more. Prospects for further growth are less clear. PepsiCo owns 7-Up outside the US. Dr Pepper itself may not prove to be easily exportable, and the future of soft drinks generally lies in New Age brands, such as Snapple and the so-called isotronic drinks. Neither Cadbury nor Dr Pepper have much of a track record in new product launches recently. Damningly, the most successful debut in a decade was probably Sprite, which came out of the Coca-Cola stable.

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☐ GRAEME ODGERS, chairman of the MMC, reveals in the annual report that the use of outside consultants is to be extended. Selected areas of inquiry work are to be contracted out and arrangements have been reached with 28 firms. Odgers promises that "great care" will be taken to avoid conflicts of interest and ensure confidentiality. Prospective witnesses may not be entirely convinced.

Inchcape shares plummet after profits warning

By George Sivell, assistant business editor

SHARES in Inchcape plunged by 82p to 311p yesterday after a profits warning by the worldwide motor, marketing and services group stunned the City.

Inchcape, the world's largest independent car distributor, warned the stock market that 1994 profits would be about 10 per cent down on 1993's £252.4 million. Previously, analysts who follow Inchcape, whose managing director is Charles Mackay, expected the group to report anywhere between £240 million and £275 million.

Shares in other vehicle distributors fell yesterday. Lex Service fell 10p to 296p and Cowie fell 2p to 226p. Analysts emerged from an Inchcape briefing saying the group was very downbeat on prospects.

Mackay: had been hopeful

The warning shows a sharp reverse in fortunes seen by the company's board since the middle of 1994. At the annual meeting in May, Inchcape told its shareholders: "First-half profits will be down in comparison with the first half of last year. Nonetheless we are cautiously optimistic that we can achieve significant progress in the second half to be able to maintain our track record of year on year profit growth."

Inchcape, which imports Toyota cars into Britain, said that the private car market remained depressed. Inchcape said that in Europe generally the Japanese distribution businesses "continued to suffer from the strength of the yen in difficult markets, which necessitated substantially increased expenditure on advertising, promotion and incentives. This was particularly the case in the United Kingdom where the private car market remained depressed."

In addition, Inchcape suffered from exchange rate movements generally. Of the expected 10 per cent fall, two percentage points were attributed to the adverse impact of exchange rate movements on the sterling equivalent of profits earned in overseas currencies.

Inchcape also suffered in Hong Kong, where taxes introduced in August made consumers less confident. A change in the car tax moved the charge from the landing point to the point of sale and meant potential Hong Kong buyers perceived the price of automobiles as having moved upwards. Hong Kong consumers also became more thrifty after falls in property values and in share prices.

The company emphasies, however, that the damage to the motor divisions, has been offset, to some extent, by a strong recovery in its marketing business. Services are said to have maintained their full year-on-year growth pattern.

However, motor operations account for between 65 and 70 per cent of the company's earnings, but Inchcape said that it would not be pursuing a "fundamental change in corporate strategy.

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SIMON WALKER

George Pope and Ian Homersham saw turnover rise as the housing market recovered in central London

John Wood hails recovery

JOHN D. WOOD, the residential estate agent, said that there had been a sustained recovery in the housing market in central London. This had helped to lift turnover by 14.5 per cent to £3.69 million in the half year to the end of October (Martin Barrow writes).

However, the cost of expansion into new offices in Belgravia and St John's Wood left taxable profits lower at £301,000, compared with £369,000 previously. The interim dividend is held at 0.75p a share, payable on March 8, from earnings of 2.3p a share, down from 2.9p.

George Pope and Ian Homersham, joint chairmen, said turnover in the second half was ahead of the same period in the previous year, demonstrating a sustained recovery.

The company's shares fell 4p to 54p.

IBM's British subsidiary returns to black with £96m

By Colin Narbrough, world trade correspondent

THE British arm of International Business Machines (IBM), the American computer group, rebounded to a pretax profit of £96 million last year from a loss of £174 million in 1993, its first year in the black since 1990.

The 1994 results, issued yesterday, took account of the sale in December of IBM's manufacturing plant at Havant, Hampshire, to the management team for a price thought to be about £50 million. The plant, which employed 2,000 workers, makes PC disc drives.

Earlier this week the American parent company reported substantially higher group profits for the final quarter of last year, but only modest sales growth of 2 per cent and poor performance by its personal computers division left Wall Street disappointed.

Full-year results from IBM UK showed group turnover, helped by rising European demand, up 8.5 per cent at £4.40 billion, with exports from Britain rising 8.6 per cent to £2.53 billion. Domestic revenue was grew 8.3 per cent to £1.87 billion.

The net profit was £100 million, after a £14.1 million loss in 1993. Profit before taxation and restructuring costs was £176 million, against a £119 million loss last time. Restructuring charges amounted to £80 million, reflecting the reduction of the workforce by more than 2,000 to 9,183 during the year.

Javaid Aziz, IBM UK's chief executive, said the 1994 results showed a "dramatic improvement". He said the level of profit was encouraging and the company was back on track with business gathering momentum. As the British economy recovered, he said the domestic market had produced good growth across the company's product lines, with excellent growth in services.

US sweetens Tate & Lyle first quarter

By Susan Gilchrist

CONTINUED growth in the North American sweetener and starch markets helped Tate & Lyle to increase sales by almost 10 per cent in the first quarter.

The company said profits also showed good progress compared with the corresponding period last year.

Staley, the US starch and cereal sweeteners business, continued to thrive. The European sweetener and starch operations also performed well. The one blackspot was the US sugar market where prices remain depressed.

Analysts are forecasting pre-tax profits of £265-£305 million for the full year.

Tate & Lyle's annual meeting yesterday was disrupted by union officials from America demanding an end to a lockout of 762 workers by Staley in Illinois. Father Martin Mangan, a Roman Catholic priest, also presented a petition, signed by 400 religious leaders, calling on Tate & Lyle to "live up to its responsibilities to the wider community". Sir Neil Shaw, Tate & Lyle chairman, said the company "was prepared to work day and night to come up with a solution".

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M&S and Burton sustain cheer

By Susan Gilchrist

THE upbeat news on Christmas trading in the high street continued yesterday as Marks and Spencer, Britain's most profitable retailer, reported a rise in sales of nearly 11 per cent over Christmas and the Burton Group unveiled a marked improvement in margins.

Marks and Spencer said that sales in the UK rose by 6.7 per cent in the third quarter, to December 31, and by 10.8 per cent in the final five weeks of the period. Clothing and food showed similar gains.

This is an acceleration on the performance in the first half, when overall sales were up by 6.3 per cent. However, the growth in clothing sales slowed in the third quarter because of the mild weather in October and November.

Analysts were unimpressed by the news and some trimmed their full-year profit forecasts by about £20 million, to between £920 million and £950 million.

The group said that it had managed to control clothing stocks in spite of weak demand. As a result, markdowns on excess stock after Christmas were similar to last year's and margins were maintained.

M&S: Christmas sales 10.8 per cent up

Overseas, progress continued in Hong Kong and at Kings Super Markets, the group's New England grocery chain. Profits have been hit in Europe by the launch in September of the better values campaign, which cut prices by up to 20 per cent, and by the costs of expansion.

Burton Group's attempts to move away from discounting and promotions appears to be paying off. The high street fashion retailer reported a 3.7 percentage point improvement in gross margins in the 20 weeks to January 21.

However, the strategy took its toll on sales, which rose by just 0.1 per cent over the period. Debenhams continued to go from strength to strength, with sales rising by 4.3 per cent. However, turnover from the multiple chains, which include Dorothy Perkins and Top Shop/Top Man, fell by 4.2 per cent.

Marks and Spencer shares fell by 3½p, to 374½p. Burton rose by 1½p, to 71p.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Profit-takers move in on TSB as bid talk spreads

Barclays' Martin Taylor is thought to be eyeing Warburgs

TALK of a bid in the banking sector is rife, although it appears that the speculators can no longer agree on the identity of the target company.

Earlier this week, attention had focused on **TSB Group**, with dealers predicting a bid of 325p a share from the French Banque National de Paris. Yesterday the shares ran into profit-taking, falling 6p to 242p. But there has been high turnover in the shares this week and the City believes there is no smoke without fire.

Among merchant banks, the spotlight was turned back on **SG Warburg**, an old takeover favourite, where the odds on the company remaining independent grow shorter by the day. The shares experienced another volatile performance yesterday, with the price succumbing to an early bout of profit-taking, touching 739p before meeting renewed speculative support to finish 7p easier at 747p.

Just weeks after breaking off merger talks with Morgan Stanley, the US banking house, Warburg's name is being linked with Deutsche Bank and JP Morgan. But Barclays Bank is also being put in the frame. Speculators claim that Martin Taylor, Barclays' chief executive, sees Warburg fitting neatly with its BZW investment banking division. However, most brokers agree there would be numerous areas of overlap.

It has been a difficult few weeks for Warburg. Earlier this week the group was forced to step down as lead broker to both Glaxo and Wellcome because of a clash of interests. But the company has denied claims that it has lost several valuable clients to rival UBS. Warburg says it continues to act as both financial adviser and company broker to John Ritblat's British Land, and denies losing Yorkshire Electricity — especially as it was never the company's broker in the first place.

Meanwhile, Dresdner Bank threw a spanner in the works by denying claims that it had a shopping list of British banks that included **Kleinwort Benson**, up 3p at 601p, Warburg and TSB.

The revival in corporate activity continues to filter through to the rest of the equity market, with prices making headway. The FT-SE 100 index opened higher and grew in confidence as the day wore on, closing just below its best with a rise of 25.1 points at 3,007.3. Turnover of 717 million shares was boosted by several share purchasing exercises and a modest program trade.

Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group, surged 25p to 422p as the City gave a positive response to the group's proposed $1.7 billion agreed bid for Dr Pepper, the US soft drinks business. The acquisition will be partly financed by a one-for-seven rights issue at 340p to raise £395 million. This was less than the market had expected. Cadbury also forecast a rise in pre-tax profits for the current year of 14 per cent to not less than £475 million. This was accompanied by a second interim dividend of 11p lifting the total to 15.6p.

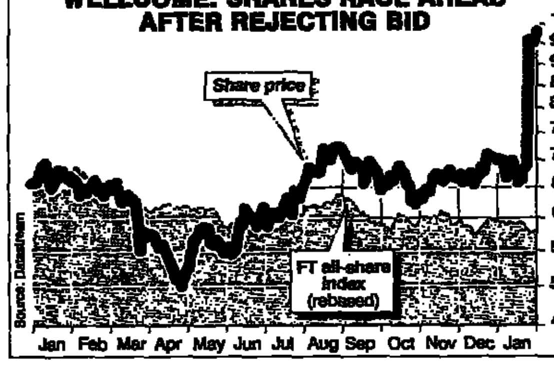
While the rest of the market ended the day on a high note, BICC finished 12p down at 303p. That compares with last year's 478p peak. Dealers say recent weakness in the price reflects concern, highlighted by a profits downgrading by Cazenove, the broker, and talk that Sir Robin Biggam, chairman, is on the move.

Wellcome shares had a new lease of life, climbing 32p to 986p after the company decided to reject the £9 billion bid from **Glaxo**, which values the shares at £10.25 each. This is in spite of the Wellcome Trust, with almost 40 per cent of Wellcome shares, having already agreed the deal.

Wellcome described the offer as inadequate and said it was determined to seek fuller value for its shareholders.

At the same time, Glaxo advanced 14p to 614p after announcing plans to make its second acquisition this week. This time it is paying $485 million for Affymax, a drug discovery company based in The Netherlands with shares quoted in the US on the Nasdaq market. Glaxo is making a tender offer of $30 a share. Glaxo said the deal would enhance its ability to find innovative medicines.

WELLCOME: SHARES RACE AHEAD AFTER REJECTING BID



Cable and Wireless marked time at 378p despite confirming recent stock market whispers that the German utility group Veba was about to take a stake in the company. Veba yesterday snapped up 109.6 million shares, or 5 per cent of C&W, and intends to eventually raise its total holding to 10 per cent. Stockbroker NatWest Securities said it will pay up to 435p for the shares but the striking price yesterday was 395p, which means Veba spent around £432 million. C&W described the move as a strategic alliance.

Inchcape, the international trading group, was left nursing a fall of 82p at 311p after warning that 1994 pre-tax profits would be 10 per cent down on the £252.4 million achieved during the previous year.

Marks and Spencer failed to make much impression with a Christmas trading statement that showed sales growing almost 11 per cent during the five weeks up to the end of December. Sales for the whole quarter were nearly 8 per cent ahead. The group said that the mild weather depressed sales during October and November but stressed that stocks were controlled and margins were maintained. But news of improved margins lifted **Burton Group** 2p to 71p. Chairman Sir John Hoskyns told shareholders at the annual meeting that sales during the period to January 21 were just 0.1 per cent higher but margins were 3.7 per cent ahead.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** opened a touch firmer in thin trading after taking their lead from overnight gains among US Treasury bonds. But prices moved up a gear after lunch with the help of firmer German bunds. In the futures pit, the March series of the **Long Gilt** climbed £$\frac{19}{32}$ to £101$\frac{9}{32}$ as 54,000 contracts were completed.

The longer end of the conventional market enjoyed the best gains with Treasury 8 per cent 2013 adding £$\frac{21}{32}$ at £92$\frac{1}{16}$, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £¼ better at £97$\frac{5}{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK** — Wall Street shares lost ground at midday amid a sell-off in car shares and uncertainties in Washington. The Dow was down 9.76 at 3,861.69.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3861.69 (-9.76)
S&P Composite	467.69 (+0.25)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18070.84 (-88.64)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	7310.53 (+69.81)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	410.73 (+3.64)
Sydney:	
AO	Closed
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2030.69 (+3.85)
Singapore:	
Straits	2000.90 (+38.22)
Brussels:	
General	7062.03 (+1.45)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1826.28 (+23.82)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	625.30 (+1.30)
London:	
FT 30	2271.9 (+20.2)
FT 100	3007.3 (+25.1)
FT-SE Mid 250	3397.2 (+6.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1308.10 (+13.59)
FT A All-Share	1489.05 (+9.46)
FT Non Financials	1616.87 (+9.12)
FT Gold Mines	194.1 (-9.8)
FT Fixed Interest	109.11 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs	90.61 (+0.11)
Bargains	22637
SEAQ Volume	717.0m
USM (Datastrm)	146.41 (-0.29)
US$	1.5935 (+0.0032)
German Mark	2.4105 (-0.0036)
Exchange Index	80.1 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
E:ECU	1.2714
E:SDR	1.0838
RPI	146.0 Dec (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	99	...
Caledn Media Wts	5½	-½
Clydeport	157	...
First Russ Front ($10)	570	...
Gart Micro Index Uts	94	...
Gart Micro Wts	39	...
Hill Hire	102	...
Kiln Capital (100)	101	...
Lazard Birla Ida	51¼	...
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	30½	...
MCIT S Cap (35)	34	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Mathsn Lloyds Inv (100)	82	...
Pentex Oil	95	...
TeleWest Coms (182)	174	+1
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchester Units	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Dares Estates n/p (4)	½	...
Hewitt n/p (68)	22	...
Verity n/p (7½)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Barclays	584p (+16p)
Nat West	493p (+11p)
ICI	753p (+12p)
Laporte	676p (+15p)
BAT	451p (+13p)
Legal & Gen	425p (+10p)
Sun Alliance	300p (+11p)
Carlton Comm	873p (+20p)
Mitel	274p (+32p)
Unitech	391p (+26p)
Cadbury-Schw	422p (+23½p)
Reckitt Colman	616p (+11p)
Commercial Union	506p (+20p)
General Accident	523p (+16p)
FALLS:	
Lex Service	296p (-10p)
Lookers	186p (-8p)
BICC	303p (-12p)
Tadpole Tech	187p (-13p)
Phonelink	181p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Take-off for BAe?

A STRANGELY subdued British Aerospace almost gave the impression yesterday that there is a great future for regional aircraft, with ambitious sales projections and long-term goals for link-ups with Dasa and Fokker in Europe and partners in Asia. But there are sound reasons to believe that BAe's heart may not be embedded in the new venture, and you do not have to be a Eurosceptic or even a doubter of BAe to question BAe's passion for the deal.

The company has paid a high price to seal a pact with the French and Italians — about £250 million — but BAe is banking on more than the hope that £100 million in annualised looses can be turned round.

The losses are a small part of the picture: whatever the success of the joint venture, regional aircraft will be a poor market for many years. With 17 players worldwide, consolidation will be slow and tortuous. BAe is better off focusing on defence and Airbus where jam is on the table today rather than waiting for a post-millenium profit from a Euro-minibus. Exiting the business is difficult. Because the company is tied to leases on aircraft and commitments to customers, a pull-out might crystallise losses on provisions of over £1 billion.

Yesterday's deal will allow BAe to transfer its assets progressively to the joint venture in Toulouse and steadily reduce its share of the liability as other regional aircraft enthusiasts join the party. In the long term, BAe will lose the regional aircraft millstone from round its neck, participate in any upside and be free to pump more money into defence and Airbus. This could be the making of BAe.

Inchcape

IF A car dealer tells you sales are not going badly you know you can probably squeeze a swingeing discount off the list price. Yesterday Inchcape gave warning that profits would be hit after a spot of bother with the yen, and investors took fright from the entire sector with Lex losing 10p and Cowie taking a tumble as well.

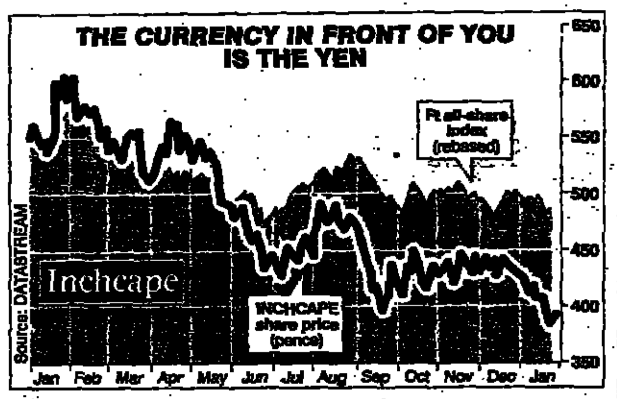
Analysts had, before yesterday, forecast profits for Inchcape anywhere between £250 million and £275 million. They emerged from a briefing yesterday with few crumbs of comfort, claiming the company was downbeat on prospects, to say the least.

Inchcape emphasised that its marketing and services divisions were doing well but its main problem has been the depressed private car market in Britain and in Europe. The strong yen has continued to make car distribution more difficult and has necessitated heavier spending on compensatory advertising, promotion and inducements to buy.

Currencies have had another impact. Of the 10 per cent fall, two percentage points come from the adverse impact of exchange rate movements on the sterling equivalent of profits earned in overseas currencies.

Hong Kong, just for once, let Inchcape down as well. Taxes brought into the Crown Colony during August damaged consumer confidence and slowed down the motor trade.

THE CURRENCY IN FRONT OF YOU IS THE YEN



Burton Group

SALES growth at the Burton Group may been decidedly unexciting — indeed at 0.1 per cent it ranks among the lowest reported by any of the major retailers over the Christmas period — but that is not the most important issue for the group. The key to recovery has always been improving margins and on this subject the news was promising.

Gross margins for the 20 weeks to January 21 were up 3.7 percentage points, suggesting that the group is making real progress in breaking out of the discount culture that has depressed its performance for so long. Although opening price points are lower, greater competitiveness means it has not been forced into the familiar and financially crippling downward spiral of markdowns.

Critically the multiple chains, still its biggest problem area, have traded prime — at full price — for 72 per cent of the time, compared with just 25 per cent this time last year.

That is not to say the group is in the clear. The Burton menswear chain, the biggest of the multiples, is still taking a bath, and is only just beginning to respond to treatment. It is conceivable that the chain, which lost more than £12 million last year, will make another sizeable loss in the current year.

With recovery still looking a long, slow haul, the shares, which are on a prospective p/e of more than 20 times, look fully valued.

Tate & Lyle

THE City has not been kind to Tate & Lyle. The food manufacturing sector is still far from popular, having been forced to take a lot of the pain of the supermarket price wars. Moreover, Tate is still perceived to be vulnerable to any swings in the commodities markets despite a more encouraging performance elsewhere.

That perception is not entirely fair. The company has succeeded in building up a broad geographic base which makes it less prone to cyclical downturns in any one area. For example, it still managed to record a near 10 per cent rise in sales in the first quarter despite continuing depressed sugar prices in North America. This follows a similarly encouraging performance last year. Obviously, when the American sugar market rebounds, Tate will benefit, but the bottom line is not dependent on such a recovery.

Not only are profits fairly secure, but the group's healthy cash flow means it can take advantage of any acquisition opportunities and still continue to reinvest in the business. It also means shareholders can expect to be rewarded with further sizeable increases in dividend payments. On a prospective p/e of less than 11 times, the rating looks undemanding.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	1000-999	May	1061-1060
May	1004-1003	Jul	1071-1065
Jul	1019-1018	Sep	1080-1079
Sep	1028-1027	Dec	1095-1094
Dec	1040-1039		
Mar	1051-1050		Volume: 6542

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2825-2815	Sep	2755-2750
Mar	2855-2850	Nov	2750-2720
May	2795-2794	Jan	2750-2730
Jul	2770-2765		Volume: 4400

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	360.5-56.4
Spot: 405.50		Dec	358.5-52.5
Mar	405.0-03.4	Mar	354.5-46.6
May	399.0-97.4	May	354.3-44.7
Aug	385.5-83.4		Volume: 2137

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	83.76	121.11	118.54
(+/-)	+4.39	+5.19	-1.59
Eng/Wales:	83.76	120.58	117.77
(+/-)	+4.39	+4.99	-1.88
(%)	+1.0	+25.0	+3.0
Scotland:	unq	122.91	122.54
(+/-)	...	+5.81	+0.06
(%)	...	+32.0	-2.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.80	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.70	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.65	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.30	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.15	(n/c)

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 164 (+1)	O: 166 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	147 (+1)	148 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar	149 (n/c)	150 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	149 (n/c)	151 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	101 (-1)	103 (-2)
Naphtha	163 (-1)	165 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	144.50-44.75	May	147.75-48.00
Mar	146.75-47.00	Jun	148.25-48.50
Apr	147.50-47.75		Vol: 11820

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	16.65-16.69	Jun	16.51-16.56
Apr	16.59-16.63	Jul	16.45-16.50
May	16.54-16.60		Vol: 40076

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	109.65	Mar	104.00
May	111.50	May	106.00
Jul	112.95	Sep	97.35
Sep	98.70	Nov	99.00
Nov	99.60	Jan	100.50
Volume: 204		Volume: 37	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	370.0	359.0
May	385.0	377.5
Jun	unq	unq
		Volume: 161

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Feb 117.75-118.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 95	2005	1991	1988
Feb 95	1890	1870	1870
Mar 95	1900	1852	1854
Apr 95	1870	1835	1835
Vol: 344 lots			Open interest: 3705

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 3020.0-3021.0	3mth: 3015.0-3016.0	Vol: 1652925
Lead ($/tonne)	680.00-701.00	695.00-695.50	181125
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1157.0-1159.0	1185.0-1185.5	554375
Tin ($/tonne)	6390.0-6400.0	6480.0-6490.0	34350
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	2122.5-2123.5	2164.0-2164.5	1528850
Nickel ($/tonne)	10005-10015	10181-10185	86196

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Dom	500	29	39	45	12	24½	24½
(*510½)	550	8	16½	22½	42	54	52
Argyll	280	15½	22	24½	10	16½	19
(*281½)	300	7½	13	16	22	29½	31
ASDA	60	10	12	12½	0½	1½	2½
(*69)	70	3	6	7	4	5½	6½
Boots	460	27½	36½	40	9½	18	21
(*471)	500	9	17	21½	32	41	43½
Br Airways	360	23	31½	37	10½	19½	23
(*367½)	390	9½	17	23½	27½	36	39½
BP	390	31	38	43½	5½	11	13½
(*411½)	420	14	21½	27	18½	24½	27
Br Steel	140	13½	17½	19½	3	5½	7
(*149)	160	3½	7½	10	13½	16	17
C & W	360	31	39½	46	8½	14	19
(*379½)	390	14	23½	30½	21	26½	33
CU	493	25½	—	—	19½	—	—
(*507½)	543	6	—	—	54½	—	—
ICI	750	27½	41	48	33	40½	46
(*752)	800	9	22½	28½	68½	73½	77½
Kingfishr	390	21½	26½	31½	14½	24	28½
(*390½)	420	9	14½	19	33	42½	47
Land Sec	550	24	32	37	12½	26	29
(*555)	600	6	11	17	45½	60	61½
M & S	360	28½	32½	38	6	11½	13½
(*378)	390	10½	16	23	20	26½	28½
Nat West	460	42	49½	57	12	16½	23
(*494)	500	17	27	36½	31½	35½	42½
Sainsbury	420	23	30	37	10	18½	21½
(*427½)	460	7	12½	19	34½	42½	44½
Shell	700	28½	40	49	19	23½	29
(*713½)	750	8	18	26	52½	55	59
Smkl Bch	420	38½	46	56	7	13	17
(*449½)	460	16	24½	34½	24	31	35½
Storehse	200	24½	28½	31	2½	5½	5
(*219½)	220	11½	15½	18½	6½	10½	12½
Trafalgar	60	9	11½	13½	1	2½	3
(*67)	70	3½	6½	8½	5½	6½	7½
Unilever	1100	65½	79	99½	19½	30	35½
(*1143½)	1150	35½	51	70½	44	53½	58½
Zeneca	850	52½	65½	74	19	29½	35½
(*886)	900	24½	40	47½	45½	55	60½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	360	11½	24½	28½	4	10½	15½
(*365)	390	1½	11	14½	25	28	32
Ladbroke	160	10	15½	19½	1½	6½	10½
(*168)	180	1	6½	10½	12½	18½	22
Utd Bisc	300	26½	31½	33½	0½	7½	11½
(*324½)	330	6½	14	18½	5½	21½	27

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	450	27	—	—	9½	—	—
(*462)	475	13½	—	—	22	—	—
Thames W	460	25½	33	36	12	26	27
(*467)	500	8½	16	18½	36	51½	51½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	420	33	41	46	1	12	20
(*450½)	460	6½	17½	25½	14½	32½	41
BTR	300	8½	14	22	4	13½	17
(*303½)	330	0½	4	10½	26½	35	37
Br Aero	448	23	41	—	3	16½	—
(*473)	487	5	21	—	18½	36	—
Br Telcm	390	13½	26	33	3	10	16½
(*399½)	420	1½	11½	17½	21	25	32½
Cadbury	420	7½	15	25½	16½	22½	25½
(*421½)	460	0	5	12	54	54½	55
Guinness	390	24½	32	37½	1	9	11½
(*412)	420	5	14	21½	12	24	26½
GEC	260	15	23	26½	0½	4½	9½
(*273)	280	3	11	15½	8½	13	19
Hanson	220	14½	18	22	0½	4½	8
(*233½)	240	2	7½	12	8½	14	18
LASMO	140	4½	11	14	3	8	9½
(*141)	160	0	4	6	19	21	22
Lucas	180	7	14	19½	3	9½	12
(*183½)	200	0½	6	11	16½	21½	24
Pilkingtn	140	10	16	18½	1	4	6½
(*147)	160	1½	6½	9½	13	14½	17½
Prudential	280	18	22½	28½	1	9½	13½
(*295½)	300	5	11	18½	8½	20½	24
Redland	420	11½	24	28½	8	27½	31½
(*422½)	460	1	8½	13½	37½	57	60
R-Royce	140	16½	19½	23	0	3	5
(*156)	160	2½	8	12	6	11½	14
Tesco	240	15½	21	25	1	7	8½
(*254)	260	3½	9½	14½	9	17	18½
Vodafone	183	7	—	—	2½	—	—
(*187½)	200	0½	7	11	13	17	20
Williams	300	29	35	38½	0½	5	8½
(*328)	330	6	15	20	8	18	21½

FT-SE INDEX (*3007)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Feb	133½	92½	56	30½	14½	5
Mar	149½	113	81½	55	35	20½
Apr	167½	133	102½	77½	56	38
May	190½	157½	128	103½	80½	63
Jun	195	—	137½	—	90	—
Puts						
Feb	10½	18	35	61	95½	142
Mar	28	41	60	84	114½	151½
Apr	47	63	83	107	135	170
May	62½	79½	101	126	154	187
Jun	67	—	106½	—	159	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	420	16½	23½	29½	14½	22	28½
(*425½)	460	2½	9½	14½	46	49½	54½
Amstrad	125	10½	15½	—	3	6	—
(*133)	150	1	5	—	19	20½	—
Barclays	550	41½	50½	60½	8½	18	27
(*582)	600	12½	26	36	34	44½	53
Blue Circ	260	14½	21½	28½	6	15½	20
(*266)	280	5	12½	20	17½	27½	31½
Br Gas	280	23	28½	32	2½	8	11
(*299)	300	9	16	20½	9	17	20½
Dixons	200	9½	17	20½	7½	10½	15
(*200½)	220	3	8½	12½	21	24	28
Forte	220	21	25	28½	2	7	9½
(*236½)	240	8½	13½	18	9½	16½	19
Hillsdwn	160	14	16½	18½	1½	7	9½
(*171)	180	3	6	9	10½	18½	21
Lonrho	140	14	19	21½	2	5	7½
(*153½)	160	3	9	11½	11½	15	17½
Sears	90	10½	12½	13½	0½	2½	3½
(*99)	100	4	6½	7½	4	7	8
Thrn Emi	1000	36½	64½	74½	16½	29	46½
(*1012½)	1050	13½	39	48½	44½	54½	74
Tomkins	200	20½	27½	30½	1½	5	8½
(*218)	220	7	16	19	8	12½	17½
TSB	240	10½	20½	23½	13	18	21
(*241½)	260	4	13	16	27½	31	33½
Wellcome	950	49	70	89½	35½	37	47
(*978½)	1000	22	44½	63	61½	61	71
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	600	35½	51	65	26½	37½	40
(*612)	650	15	30	43	57	62½	75
HSBC	600	43	53	64½	24½	34½	45
(*625)	650	17	30	42½	54	63	73½
Reuter	420	33½	43½	51½	11	16	20½
(*440)	460	15	24½	32	32	37	41
	Series	Feb	May	Jul	Feb	May	Jul
Royal Ins	260	8½	16	21	6	17	19½
(*261½)	280	1½	8½	13½	19½	29½	31½
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	100	11	15½	19½	2½	6½	7½
(*107)	110	5½	10½	15	7	11½	12½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastern Gp	700	31½	57	73	6½	20	38½
(*721½)	750	7½	32½	48	32½	45	66
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	29	41	47½	7	18½	23
(*477½)	500	9	21½	28½	27	39½	44
Scot Pwr	330	15	26½	31	9	16	21½
(*333½)	360	4½	13	17½	29½	33	38½

January 26, 1995 Tot: 38288 Call: 13896 Put: 24392 FT-SE Call: 6418 Put: 7573

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 63965	Mar 95	3003.0	3029.0	3000.0	3023.0	13607
	Jun 95				3033.0	0
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3944	Mar 95				3410.0	0
	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 417784	Mar 95	92.86	92.88	92.83	92.87	17241
	Jun 95	92.11	92.18	92.10	92.16	22267
	Sep 95	91.58	91.69	91.58	91.65	6415
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 2114	Mar 95				93.32	0
	Jun 95				92.71	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 705667	Mar 95	94.79	94.81	94.77	94.80	40617
	Jun 95	94.37	94.41	94.35	94.40	49694
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 89491	Mar 95	100-30	101-11	100-24	101-09	55084
	Jun 95	101-02	101-02	100-30	101-13	300
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.38	108.45	108.37	108.45	1554
	Jun 95	107.68	107.68	107.68	107.71	25
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 204874	Mar 95	89.83	90.28	89.71	90.24	164724
	Jun 95	89.24	89.61	89.16	89.65	734
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 22768	Mar 95	93.54	93.58	93.52	93.56	2366
	Jun 95	93.04	93.10	93.02	93.07	985
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 42808	Mar 95	95.80	95.86	95.79	95.85	7665
	Jun 95	95.41	95.50	95.40	95.48	6872
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 53788	Mar 95	99.45	99.79	99.29	99.68	35927
	Jun 95	98.85	98.85	98.85	98.83	73

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¾

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5⅝

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth 6¼ . Sell: 2 mth 6⅛ ; 3 mth: 6⅛ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅛-6¼	[illegible]	[illegible]	7-6⅞	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5½, close 5¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¼	n/a	[illegible]	7¼	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.92-5.90	n/a	6.23-6.20	6.65-6.63	7.31-7.29
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 30, 1994 Agreed rates Jan 25, 1995 to Feb 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.71 %. Reference rate Dec 1, 1994 to Dec 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.402 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	6-5⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	[illegible]	6-5
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	3⅝-3½	4-3⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	2¼-2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $380.60-381.00 Close: $380.75-381.25 High: $381.40-381.90 Low: $380.25-380.75 AM: $380.50 PM: $381.35

Krugerrand: $380.50-382.50 (£238.75-240.75)

Platinum: $419.00 (£263.00) Silver: $4.79 (£3.015) Palladium: $158.50 (£99.55)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 26	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6977-2.7098	2.6977-2.7011	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	49.66-49.89	49.62-49.73	7-3pr	18-13pr
Copenhagen	9.5020-9.5440	9.5020-9.5170	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0073-1.0132	1.0086-1.0112	6-3pr	14-10pr
Frankfurt	2.4080-2.4185	2.4080-2.4112	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	248.76-250.22	248.76-249.41	54-64ds	208-233ds
Madrid	209.40-210.45	209.40-209.70	30-42ds	102-126ds
Milan	2541.70-2552.30	2541.70-2545.00	4-6ds	12-15ds
Montreal	2.2410-2.2560	2.2521-2.2552	.24-0.37ds	0.48-0.65ds
New York	1.5878-1.5932	1.5916-1.5926	0.05-0.02pr	0.16-0.11pr
Oslo	10.5440-10.5890	10.5440-10.5590	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	8.3300-8.3670	8.3320-8.3460	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.8610-11.9420	11.8610-11.8830	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	157.82-158.37	157.95-158.21	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	16.95-17.02	16.98-17.01	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.0261-2.0371	2.0261-2.0290	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3063-1.3080
Austria	10.67-10.68
Belgium (Com)	31.27-31.28
Canada	1.4117-1.4122
Denmark	5.9830-5.9860
France	5.2465-5.2495
Germany	1.5170-1.5175
Hong Kong	7.7310-7.7320
Ireland	1.5739-1.5754
Italy	1601.25-1602.25
Japan	99.30-99.35
Malaysia	2.5580-2.5590
Netherlands	1.7003-1.7007
Norway	6.6430-6.6450
Portugal	156.80-157.00
Singapore	1.4520-1.4530
Spain	131.85-131.95
Sweden	7.4695-7.4795
Switzerland	1.2778-1.2783

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5923-1.5949
Australia dollar	2.0771-2.0792
Bahrain dinar	0.5935-0.6055
Brazil real*	1.3534-1.3575
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland markka	7.4925-7.6085
Greece drachma	372.50-379.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.2861-12.2916
India rupee	49.45-50.41
Kuwait dinar KD	0.47-0.48
Malaysia ringgit	2.5580-2.5590
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4755-2.4782
Pakistan rupee	48.65 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.905-6.031
Singapore dollar	2.3069-2.3093
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4792-6.4811
S Africa rand (com)	5.6210-5.6271
U A E dirham	5.780-5.904

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	467	Legal & Gn	1,500
ASDA Gp	16,000	Lloyds Bk	3,500
Abbey Natl	1,500	MEPC	1,300
Alld Dom	1,200	Marks Spr	10,000
Argyll Gp	8,000	NatWst Bk	5,500
Arjo Wiggn	2,800	Nat Power	2,400
AB Foods	904	Nth Wst W	1,200
BAA	2,400	P & O	2,300
BAT Inds	5,600	Pearson	1,000
BOC	664	PowerGen	3,200
BP	12,000	Prudential	4,800
BTR	7,600	RMC	392
BT	13,000	RTZ	732
Bk of Scot	4,900	Rank Org	3,200
Barclays	8,400	Reckitt Col	1,400
Bass	4,300	Redland	1,900
Blue Circle	5,400	Reed Intl	1,700
Boots	1,700	Rentokil	1,400
Bowater	2,200	Reuters	4,600
Brit Aero	8,300	Rolls Royce	3,500
Brit Airwys	11,000	Ryl Ins	4,100
Brit Gas	8,100	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000
Brit Steel	16,000	Sainsbury	3,200
Burmah Cast	597	Schroders	23
Cable Wire	17,000	Scot & New	1,700
Cadbury	15,000	Scot Power	1,300
Caradon	2,500	Sears	11,000
Carlton Cms	772	Svrn Trent	618
Cm Union	2,000	Shell Trans	4,700
Courtaulds	1,700	Siebe	2,900
De La Rue	329	SmKl Bch	3,300
Eastern Elec	519	Smith Nph	3,700
Enterpr Oil	816	Sthrn Elec	1,600
Forte	2,400	Std Chartd	2,400
GKN	3,100	Sun Allnce	3,700
GRE	3,700	TI Gp	1,300
GUS	1,500	TSB	8,500
Gen Acc	1,000	Tesco	8,100
Gen Elec	4,200	Thames W	491
Glaxo	14,000	Thrn EMI	966
Granada	1,900	Tomkins	3,600
Grand Met	11,000	Unilever	1,200
Guinness	8,000	Utd Bisc	2,600
HSBC	3,400	Vodafone	13,000
Hanson	17,000	Warburg	2,300
ICI	3,900	Wellcome	14,000
Inchcape	10,000	Whitbread	896
Kingfisher	2,000	Wllms Hld	1,600
Ladbroke	6,300	Wolseley	291
Land Secs	3,000	Zeneca	3,100

WALL STREET

	Jan 26 midday	Jan 25 close
AMP Inc	73⅞	72⅞
AMR Corp	57½	58⅜
AT & T	50	49⅞
Abbott Labs	33⅝	33½
Advanced Micro	30⅞	30⅞
Aetna Life	48⅞	49⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	16⅛	16⅛
Air Prod & Chem	45⅞	45⅞
Alberson's	29⅜	28⅞
Alcan Alumnm	25⅜	25⅞
Alco Standard	65	65½
Allied Signal	36	36½
Alum Co of Am	84⅞	85⅞
Amax Gold Inc	5⅞	5⅞
Amerada Hess	46½	46½
Amer Brands	37⅛	37⅛
Amer El Power	34	34⅛
Amer Express	30	30
Amer Genl Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Amer Home Pr	67⅞	67⅞
Amer Intl	101⅞	100⅞
Amer Stores	24⅞	24⅞
Ameritech	43⅞	43⅞
Amoco	59⅞	58⅞
Anheuser-Busch	53	53⅞
Apple Computer	40⅞	40⅞
Archer Daniels	19⅞	19⅞
Armco	6⅛	6⅛
Armstrng Wrld	45⅞	45⅞
Asarco	29⅞	29
Ashland Oil	32⅞	32⅞
Atl Richfield	107⅞	107⅞
Auto Data Pro	58⅞	58⅞
Avery Dennison	36⅞	36⅞
Avon Products	57	59⅞
Baker Hughes	18⅞	18
Baltim Gas & El	23⅞	23⅞
Banc One	29⅞	29
BankAmerica	42⅞	42⅞
Bank of NY	30⅞	29⅞
Bankers Tr NY	61⅞	60⅞
Barnett Banks	42⅞	42
Bausch & Lomb	32	32⅞
Baxter Intl	27⅞	27⅞
Bectn Dickinsn	51⅞	51⅞
Bell Atlantic	52⅞	52⅞
BellSouth	57⅞	57⅞
Black & Decker	24⅞	24⅞
Block (H&R)	34⅞	34⅞
Boeing	45⅞	46⅞
Boise Cascade	28⅞	29
Borden Inc	13⅞	13⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅞	59⅞
Browning Ferris	30⅞	30⅞
Brunswick	20⅞	20⅞
Burlington Nthn	49⅞	50⅞
CBS	57⅞	58⅞
CNA Financial	68⅞	68⅞
CPC Intl	53⅞	53⅞
CSX	74⅞	74
Campbell Soup	41⅞	41⅞
Can Pacific	15⅞	15⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	84⅞	85
Carolina Pwr	27⅞	28
Caterpillar	53⅞	53⅞
Centrl & SW	23⅞	23⅞
Champion Intl	40⅞	40⅞
Chase Manhat	33	33⅞
Chemical Bk	37⅞	38⅞
Chevron Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Chrysler	45	46⅞
Chubb Corp	79⅞	79⅞
Cigna Corp	65⅞	66⅞
Citicorp	40⅞	41
Clorox	58⅞	58⅞
Coastal Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Coca Cola	51	50⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	59⅞	58⅞
Columbia Gas	23⅞	23⅞
Compaq Comp	37⅞	37⅞
Comp Ass Int	51⅞	51⅞
Conagra	30⅞	30⅞
Conrail	54⅞	53⅞
Cons Edison	27⅞	27⅞
Cons Nat Gas	34	34⅞
Cooper Inds	37⅞	37⅞
Corning Inc	31⅞	31⅞
Crown Cork	38⅞	39⅞
Dana Corp	23⅞	23⅞
Dayton Hudson	69⅞	69
Deere	71⅞	72⅞
Delta Air Lines	52⅞	53⅞
Deluxe Corp	26⅞	26⅞
Detroit Edison	28	27⅞
Digital Equip	32⅞	32⅞
Dillard Dept St	26⅞	26⅞
Disney (Walt)	47⅞	46⅞
Dominion Res	37⅞	37⅞
Donelley (RR)	29⅞	29⅞
Dover Corp	57⅞	58
Dow Chemical	64⅞	65⅞
Dow Jones	32⅞	33⅞
Dresser	19⅞	19⅞
Duke Power	39⅞	39⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	50	53⅞
Du Pont	56⅞	57⅞
Eastman Kodak	49	48⅞
Eaton Corp	48⅞	48⅞
Emerson Elec	63⅞	63
Engelhard Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Enron Corp	29⅛	29⅛
Entergy	23⅛	23⅛
Ethyl Corp	10⅛	10⅛
Exxon	62⅛	62⅛
FMC Corp	59⅛	58⅛
FPL Group	35⅛	35⅛
Federal Express	62⅛	62⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	70⅛	70⅛
First Chicago	47	46⅛
First Interstate	71⅛	71⅛
First Union Rlty	8⅛	8⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	31⅛	31⅛
Fluor Corp	46⅛	46⅛
Ford Motor	25⅛	25⅛
GTE Corp	33⅛	32⅛
Gannett	51⅛	51⅛
Gap Inc Del	32	32⅛
Gen Dynamics	43⅛	43⅛
Gen Electric	50⅛	50⅛
Gen Mills	56⅛	56⅛
Gen Motors	37⅛	39
Gen Reinsurance	123⅛	123
Gen Signal	33⅛	33⅛
Genuine Parts	36⅛	37
Georgia Pac	76⅛	76⅛
Gillette	74⅛	73⅛
Glaxo ADR	19⅛	19
Goodrich (BF)	43⅛	43⅛
Goodyear Tire	36⅛	36⅛
Grace (W&R)	40⅛	40
Grt Atl Pac Tea	18⅛	18⅛
Great Wstn Fin	16⅛	16⅛
Halliburton	36⅛	36⅛
Harcourt General	33⅛	33⅛
Heinz (HJ)	39⅛	39⅛
Hercules	118⅛	118⅛
Hershey Foods	49	49⅛
Hewlett Packard	102⅛	102⅛
Hilton Hotels	64⅛	64⅛
Home Depot	47⅛	47⅛
Homestake Mng	16⅛	16⅛
Honeywell	34⅛	34⅛
Household Intl	39⅛	40⅛
Houston Inds	38⅛	39
Humana	23⅛	22⅛
ITT Corp	89⅛	89⅛
Illinois Tool	40⅛	40⅛
Illinova	22⅛	22⅛
INCO	29⅛	29⅛
Ingersoll Rand	32⅛	32
Inland Steel	30⅛	32⅛
Intel Corp	70⅛	70⅛
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Intl Flav & Fr	47⅛	47⅛
Intl Paper	76⅛	76⅛
James River Va	23⅛	22⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	55⅛	54⅛
Kellogg	54⅛	55⅛
Kerr-McGee	47⅛	47⅛
Kimberly-Clark	47⅛	48⅛
Kmart	13⅛	13⅛
Knight-Ridder	53⅛	52⅛
Lilly (Eli)	64⅛	64
Limited Inc	17	17⅛
LIN Brdcstng	137	138⅛
Lincoln Nat	35⅛	35⅛
Litton	36⅛	35⅛
Liz Claiborne	16⅛	17
Lockheed	72⅛	72⅛
Louisiana Pac	28	27⅛
MCI Comm	18⅛	17⅛
Marriott Int	29	29⅛
Marsh & McLnn	76⅛	76⅛
Masco Corp	23⅛	23⅛
May Dept St	35	35⅛
Maytag Corp	14⅛	14⅛
McDonalds	29⅛	29⅛
McDonnell D	48⅛	48⅛
McGraw Hill	65⅛	64⅛
Mead Corp	52⅛	53
Medtronic	58⅛	58⅛
Mellon Bk	34⅛	34⅛
Melville Corp	30⅛	31⅛
Merck Inc	39⅛	38⅛
Merrill Lynch	34⅛	34⅛
Minnesota Mine	52⅛	51⅛
Mobil Corp	87	87⅛
Monsanto	73⅛	74⅛
Morgan (JP)	61	61⅛
Motorola Inc	60⅛	60⅛
Natl Medical	14⅛	13⅛
Natl Semi	18⅛	18⅛
Natl Service Ind	25⅛	25⅛
Navistar Ints	16	15⅛
NBD Bancorp	29⅛	28⅛
NY Times A	21⅛	21⅛
Newmont Mng	35⅛	35⅛
Niag Mohawk	14⅛	14⅛
Nike B	72⅛	73
NL Industries	12	12⅛
Noram Energy	5⅛	5⅛
Nordstrom	42⅛	43⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	63	63⅛
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Norwest Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Nynex Corp	38⅛	38⅛
Occidental Pet	20	19⅛
Ohio Edison	19⅛	19⅛
Oracle Systems	43⅛	43⅛
Oryx Energy Co	10	9⅛
Owens Corning	31⅛	31⅛
PPG Industries	36	36⅛
PNC Bank	23⅛	22
Paccar Inc	45	45⅛
Pacificorp	19⅛	19
Pac Enterprises	21⅛	21⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	25⅛	25⅛
Pac Telesis	30⅛	29⅛
Pall Corp	18⅛	19
Panhandle East	20⅛	20⅛
Parker Hannifin	48⅛	48⅛
Peco Energy	26	26⅛
Penney (JC)	40⅛	40⅛
Pennzoil	46⅛	46⅛
Pepsico	35⅛	35⅛
Pfizer	79⅛	79⅛
Phelps Dodge	58⅛	58⅛
Philip Morris	58⅛	58⅛
Phillips Pet	32⅛	32⅛
Pitney Bowes	31⅛	31⅛
Polaroid	30⅛	31
PriceCostco	14⅛	14
Procter & Gmbl	63	62⅛
Providian	33⅛	33⅛
Pub Serv E & G	27⅛	27⅛
Quaker Oats	34⅛	33⅛
Ralston Purina	45⅛	45⅛
Raychem Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Raytheon	66⅛	66
Reebok Intl	38	38
Reynolds Metals	52⅛	53⅛
Roadway Srvcs	50⅛	50⅛
Rockwell Intl	38⅛	38⅛
Rohm & Haas	55⅛	55⅛
Royal Dutch	112⅛	112⅛
Rubbermaid	29⅛	29⅛
Safeco Corp	51⅛	52
St Paul's Cos	46⅛	46
Salomon Inc	37⅛	38⅛
Santa Fe Pac	18⅛	18⅛
Sara Lee Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Scecorp	15⅛	15⅛
Schering Plough	74⅛	74⅛
Schlumberger	53⅛	54
Scott Paper	70⅛	70⅛
Seagram	30	30⅛
Sears Roebuck	44⅛	44⅛
Shell Trans	67⅛	66
Sherwin Wlms	33⅛	34
Skyline Corp	17⅛	17⅛
Snap-On-Tools	31⅛	33⅛
Southern Co	20⅛	20⅛
Sthwestern Bell	42⅛	41⅛
Sprint Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Stanley Works	38⅛	38⅛
Sun Company	28⅛	29⅛
Sun Microsys	32⅛	31⅛
Suntrust	51⅛	51⅛
Supervalu	23⅛	23⅛
Sysco Corp	26⅛	26⅛
TRW Inc	63⅛	63⅛
TCC Inds	2⅛	2⅛
Tandem Comp	17⅛	17⅛
Tandy Corp	46	45⅛
Teledyne	22⅛	22⅛
Temple Inland	47⅛	48⅛
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Texaco	61⅛	62
Texas Inst	70⅛	70⅛
Texas Utilities	34	34
Textron	51⅛	51⅛
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Times-Mirror	32⅛	32⅛
Timken	33⅛	33⅛
Torchmark	39	39⅛
Toys R Us	30	29⅛
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UST Inc	29⅛	29⅛
UAL	94⅛	94⅛
USX Marathon	16⅛	16⅛
Unicom	25⅛	25⅛
Unilever NY	116⅛	115
Union Camp	48⅛	48⅛
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Westinghouse El	13⅛	13⅛
Weyerhaeuser	39⅛	39⅛
Whirlpool	50⅛	50⅛
Whitman	16⅛	16⅛
Winn Dixie	53⅛	53⅛
Woolworth	15⅛	15⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47	47⅛
Xerox	104⅛	105⅛
Yellow Corp	22⅛	21⅛

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Gerry's going, no joke

NEVER let it be said that economists are as dry as old bones. Colleagues at Smiths Industries, the aerospace components and medical equiment group, are sad at the thought that on Tuesday Gerry Mortimer, Smiths' economic adviser and an associate director, retires. Gerry, who two years ago was ordained as a Church of England lay preacher, joined Smiths in 1963, and for the past 15 years has been right-hand man to Roger Hurn, Smith's no-nonsense chairman. Hurn tells me: "Gerry has a seemingly endless supply of jokes, and around the office is likely to burst into song at any time." But then Gerry is a non-executive of Boosey & Hawkes, the musical group, so his talents will not go wasted in retirement. However, there is one person who might not miss him. In recent years, Gerry has played a significant hand in Smiths' expansion programme in America — a role that required him to travel regularly on Concorde. On one flight, a not-too-well Gerry recognised Peter Jay, then ambassador to Washington, leaned over to introduce himself — and was then promptly sick in Our Man's lap.

Funny half-hour

NO sooner had Inchcape's chief executive Charles Mackay invited analysts' questions after his deadpan explanation of motor problems in Japan when the voice of Tony Hancock boomed over the conference speakers: "Tokyo calling. Tokyo calling". Crossed video wires from a room next door, where *Hancock's Half Hour* was being played, were apparently to blame.

Sweet Swiss

THE Swiss chocolate giant Lindt is celebrating its 150th birthday with a gesture that is sure to sweeten up the whole country. Swiss postmen are about to set out to every household in the country with a box of chocolates which contain 60 grammes of Lindt's five best selling products. By the weekend, the chocs should have gone through the letterboxes of the country's entire population - 2,349,522.

No game

SOUTH *Africa's exclusive* Mala Mala game reserve on the borders of the Kruger National Park may not be seeing quite so many rich American tourists following an unseemly incident recently. A group of US pension fund managers, with billions of dollars under management, spent a day in the bush at the Londolozi game reserve, one of four run by the fast-growing Conservation Corporation. That night, they decided to cross to neighbouring £400-a-night Mala Mala for dinner. As they sat down to dine, the owner, *Mike* Rattray, noticed that two local Londolozi rangers had joined their guests at the table, and he ordered them to leave. The outraged Americans stormed off, taking their money with with them. Ethical funds are not to be trifled with these days.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Ullapool harbour: broadening the economic base of this Scottish town beyond fishing-related work has proved a tough challenge

Hard-pressed fishermen must take their battle to Brussels

Britain's depressed fishing towns need to link up and learn how to win jobs and influence politicians, says **Royce Turner**

The decision by fisherman's leaders to campaign to save the industry is long overdue. Fishing has been in rapid decline for two decades. Yet it has not had such a high profile since the Royal Navy went to defend the fleet in Icelandic waters in 1975.

The consequences of decline have been dramatic, if almost unnoticed outside fishing areas. Long-term and high unemployment has been one problem. A survey in 1992 of Hull, Britain's major fishing port, noted that unemployment was highest in parts of the city that had traditionally provided labour for the fishing industry. "The highest rate of unemployment is recorded for Maidan ward, just adjacent to the fish dock," it said. "Here, the rate of unemployment for adult males . . . is 52.8 per cent of the adult population."

This is a replicated in Grimsby, Hull's great fishing rival on the east coast. Here, the same report showed unemployment rates in one of the wards associated with fishing as being 39.5 per cent, translating into 51.2 per cent on an earlier measure of unemployment. Wyre Borough Council reported that unemployment in Fleetwood, historically the major fishing port in the North West, was twice the level in the rest of the borough.

Decline affecting other industries has been highly visible. Closing coal mines brought a year-long strike in 1984-85. Closing steel works brought physical devastation to major urban centres such as Sheffield and Corby. Closing shipyards brought enterprise zones to Sunderland in 1988 and Inverclyde in 1989.

Yet, in fishing areas, there has been very little alternative economic development. Grampian Regional Council, for example, has no economic development activities directed at its fishing towns. The private sector-led Westcountry Development Corporation has no projects targeted at fishing towns in the South West. Fleetwood lacks any assistance under regional policy, yet its economic plight is obvious to the casual visitor.

Economic development faces three major problems. Firstly, remoteness and poor infrastructure. The fishing communities in Scotland, for example, are some of the remotest population centres in the land. One of the major fishing ports on the eastern coast of Scotland, Macduff, nestles awkwardly on the top of the Grampian peninsula. On the west side, Ullapool, where up to 30 per cent of the working population *rely on fishing, is in the most* northern and remote part of Britain.

Secondly, one-industry dominance has led to imbalance in economic structures. Generations of fishermen and their families have known nothing else. Some places had no other reason to exist. In Macduff, for example, 60 to 70 per cent of the working population are involved in fishing.

Thirdly, the above two factors have led to a lack of easily transferable skills in fishing communities. There is no reason to blame them for this. These communities, like other communities associated with particular industries for generations, developed their own cultures. In fishing areas, this was a culture that assumed the continuation of fishing as the economic mainstay.

Economic development activities in Britain have focused on three elements: small business promotion, inward investment and training.

There have been some efforts in fishing areas to stimulate small business. As elsewhere in the country, much of the effort comes from a private sector-led enterprise agencies. The Grimsby Local Enterprise Agency — partly funded by Findus, the frozen food business, which pulled out of the town a few years ago — has helped with the establishment of about 600 small business since its formation ten years ago. Sixty per cent of these, the agency believes, are still trading. On average, the agency thinks that they have created three jobs each. All good work, but all wiped out by KP's recent announcement of the closure of its factory there, losing 100 jobs.

Fish fresh in at Grimsby docks, but fishing towns lack political clout

In Ullapool, Highland Regional Council has developed an industrial estate. The vast majority of companies that have moved on to it, however, are fishing-related businesses, involved in shellfish preparation or mussel processing. The extent to which the local economy has been diversified is minimal.

Similar problems apply in Fleetwood. There, the local authority has converted a brewery into 25 workspaces for small businesses. The take-up in recent years, has been limited; in 1994, it was about a third full. Such efforts have little more than a marginal impact.

On inward investment, the news is even more gloomy. By and large, fishing areas are not favoured by substantial inward investors. They are often too remote, are not linked adequately to the national infrastructure, or are seen as not having the right kind of workforce.

Inward investment tends to go to major business centres. In the South West, for instance, most of it goes to Plymouth. The Department of Trade and Industry's Devon and Cornwall Development Bureau reports "very little prospect" of inward investment coming to fishing areas.

Fleetwood has seen virtually no inward investment in recent years. Grimsby has seen Findus and KP pull out, and "a significant falling-off of investment projects" in the past three years. Prospects of attracting inward investment to the fishing areas in the Scottish highlands are almost nil.

Nor has re-training had a high profile in fishing areas, though Macduff saw an experimental European Union-initiated scheme begin in 1991. Macduff was chosen by the British Government as a classic fishing town. The scheme was financed to the tune of £70,000. Fifty per cent of funding came from the EU. Only 11 people benefited directly, however. There was no follow-up. Most of the retraining did not have much impact in diversifying the local economy. Of those involved, five former fishermen were retrained as mates for offshore vessels or as deckhands; one was trained in operating a "sea-going pleasure vessel"; one shellfish exporter received financial assistance to continue his business; and one received assistance to become a photographer. As strategies for individuals, these are fine. They do little, however, to broaden the local economic base.

One of the important findings of the Macduff project was the clear preference of displaced fishermen for early retirement rather than retraining. Grampian Regional Council noted: "A top priority for fishermen is undoubtedly an early retirement schme as fishermen, given the choice, would rather fish." Once a fisherman, always a fisherman. There are worrying parallels here with workers redundant from other traditional industries. Evidence from coal mining areas demonstrates a high level of workers leaving the labour market altogether, either through early retirement or long-term sickness. That is hardly the basis on which to build a thriving economy.

What emerges is a situation of fragmented political representation. The producers' interests are represented, though often in a localised way. While the National Federation of Fishermen exists to represent fishermen as a whole, each area has its own local association. There is a long history of competition between different areas and fleets. Moreover, there is no one political group representing the fishing areas. In Scotland, both the Liberal Democrats and the Scottish Nationalists have fishing constituences. In the South West, the Conservatives have traditionally been strong. Fleetwood is a Labour town in a Conservative-controlled council area and parliamentary constituency. Grimsby and Hull have remained part of Labour's northern heartland.

This political fragmentation has weakened fishing areas' quest for economic regeneration. It contrasts with other areas facing decline. The Coalfield Communities Campaign boasts a membership of about 90 local authorities pressing the Government and the European Community for more help. It claims a large part in bringing extra funds from Europe to the coalfields. It has been followed by similar organisations in textile, aerospace and vehicle manufacturing areas.

Fishing areas face a further threat to their livelihood. Efforts to diversify their economies have had little impact. Many of these places have not recovered from a decline that was set in place more than 20 years ago. The need now is for lobbying pressure that unites Britain's fishing ports and which addresses the seat of government where the real power lies over both fishing policy and regional assistance policy: Brussels.

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It's good to talk about a slice of the German phone market

UK sets the pace in the Telekom race, says **Colin Narbrough**

Rich pickings promised by the German telecommunications market have spawned a quick succession of cross-border alliances in which British players are prominent.

The seemingly irresistible attraction of the huge German market, Europe's biggest, is the combination of Bonn's enthusiasm for deregulating telecommunications and cash-rich corporate Germany's dash to enter the industry.

A strategic alliance between Cable and Wireless (C&W) and Veba, the diversified German energy group, was announced yesterday. At the same time, Wolfgang Bötsch, the German Post Minister, is seeking to give private telephone *companies licences to compete* with Deutsche Telekom, the state monopoly, in 1997, a year earlier than previously planned.

A two-thirds majority will be required in the German parliament in order to change the law that underpins Telekom's lucrative monopoly in providing basic telephone services.

Companies have learnt a lot from the BT sell-off

German industry, which is determined not to be left behind in telecommunications although it was a late starter, has come to regard the original deregulation target of 1998 as too leisurely.

The mobile phone operators who have been allowed to compete with the mighty Telekom have been particularly vociferous in their criticism of the high line charges the state monopoly demands from them.

Telekom, whose privatisation, Europe's biggest, is set to begin next year, sits astride a domestic market worth an estimated DM70 billion a year. Political wrangling has led to a string of surprise resignations linked to the sale, but there appears to be nothing to stop the privatisation.

Having seen what the privatisation of BT a decade ago has done for the British telecommunications market, German and non-German companies want to get themselves a slice of the generous German cake, which is the centrepiece of wider European deregulation.

Yesterday's deal between C&W and Veba had been on the cards for some time. Veba, based in Düsseldorf, has made no secret of its desire to find an international partner and invest large sums of money.

C&W, whose traditional strength was in Hong Kong and the Empire, said it is prepared to invest up to £2 billion in mainland Europe, including Germany, over the next 10 years.

Veba is to become C&W's biggest shareholder, with a stake of up to 10.5 per cent. C&W will, *in turn,* buy 45 per cent of Vebacom, Veba's telecommunications arm. The tie-up offers important openings in mobile phone, network systems and cable. A joint venture, C&W Europe, will operate across the European Union, but not in Britain and Germany.

The German partner, with a turnover of more than DM70 billion, against C&W's £4.7 billion, is a handsome catch for Lord Young of Graffham, the C&W chairman, and compares favourably with the partner BT hooked up to earlier this month as the *battle lines were drawn for* German telephone licences. Veba plans to invest DM6 billion in its alliance with C&W over the next 10 years.

BT and Viag, the Bavarian utility, have formed a joint venture called Viag InterKom, in which the two partners will each have a 37.5 per cent stake. BMW, the Munich carmaker which last year took over Rover, is negotiating to become the third partner in Viag InterKom.

Thyssen, the German steel and engineering group, this week joined the race with the announcement that it is forming a telecommunications consortium with BellSouth International, America's biggest regional telephone operator.

Another contender, comprising RWE, Germany's biggest utility group, Mannesmann, the German steel and engineering group and Deutsche Bank, the country's leading commercial bank, has yet to name an international partner. Unisource, the London-based joint venture between the Swiss, the Swedes, Dutch and Spaniards, is considered to be a hot favourite, and talks are understood to have taken place with AT&T, the American telecom group.

Daimler-Benz, Germany's industrial flagship, also has an agreement with Northern Telecom of Canada to offer network services. Daimler, which is based in Stuttgart, is also in the Globalstar satellite phone consortium.

But Deutsche Telekom must not be forgotten. It has already got into bed with France Télécom, its French counterpart, to buy into Sprint, the US long-distance carrier. As BT has demonstrated, starting out as the big boy on the block need not be a disadvantage.

Carl Mortished on the problem of removing a 200,000 tonne oil rig

As the wells run dry, the cost of leaving is huge

Britain's oil companies have spent vast sums ensuring that the oil production platforms bestrid*ing the North Sea can* withstand decades of battering from weather and corrosion. Now the industry is battling with a different problem: the cost of removing millions of tonnes of steel and concrete when the wells run dry.

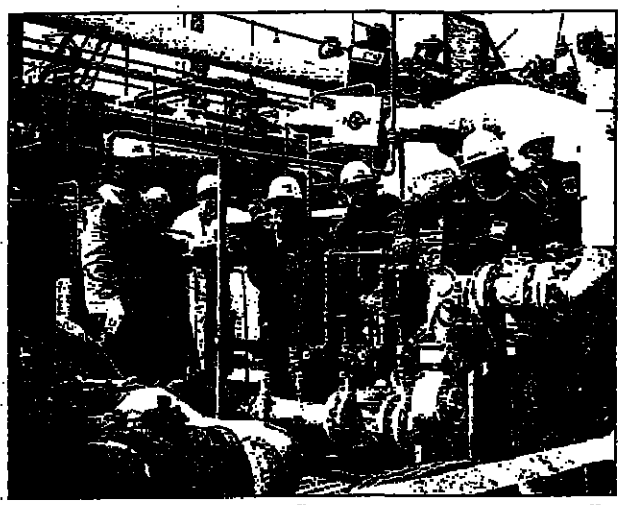
Since the first platform was towed out into the North Sea in 1967, more than 200 have followed and thousands of miles of pipelines have been laid along the seabed to pump oil to the shore. The investment continues, despite low prices and thin margins, and the search has widened to new provinces in the Irish Sea and west of Shetland. But wells *drilled in the pioneering years* of the North Sea are almost spent and while the oil companies focus on new and cheaper production techniques to maximise profits, they also face the cost of removing the old platforms.

The total cost is unknown, although estimates vary between £2.4 billion and £7 billion. Department of Trade and Industry rules for abandonment of large deepwater platforms are due next month, but the industry has been waiting for at least a year.

Oil companies must build into their budgets the cost of decommissioning: for every barrel sold they write off an amount to build up an abandonment provision in their accounts. However, no oil company yet publishes a total estimate of its liability. That is likely to change after recommendations from the Oil Industry Accounting Committee, which wants the full amount set out in an oil company's balance sheet. Michael Lynch Bell, of Ernst & Young, the accountancy group, explained that part of the problem is the continuing uncertainty about the cost and timing of the expenditure.

The International Maritime Organisation sets the legal framework for abandonment. Structures must be removed to provide a water clearance of 55 metres to ensure there is no risk to navigation. Any platform in water depth of less than 75 metres must be removed entirely.

According to Brian Taylor, of the UK Offshore Operators Association (UKOOA), about 130 platforms in shallow water in the Southern Basin will have to go, but in the deep water of the Central North Sea the Government has discretion to allow cheaper solutions. These might include removing the topside accommodation and processing units and cutting the steel support structure, the "jacket", to the required depth or toppling it to lie on the seabed.



The start of it all: Britain's first commercial North Sea oil starts to flow from the Trans World 58 rig on June 11, 1975

These options are opposed by environmental groups anxious to prevent the North Sea from becoming an underwater scrapmetal yard, while fishermen are concerned about damage to their nets. However, recent research at Aberdeen University suggests that the steel frames of oil platforms could be turned into artificial reefs attracting marine life.

The biggest headache is a few deepwater concrete platforms weighing more than 200,000 tonnes. "They should last for a long time and people have thought of alternative uses as weather stations, but the problem is the cost of maintenance," says Mark Hope, general manager at Enterprise Oil, which has budgeted about £100 million for abandonment.

Exotic solutions such as artificial reefs or offshore prisons are probably a distraction to the oil companies; UKOOA is lobbying for cost-effective as well as environment-friendly solutions. A recent survey of operators by Arthur Andersen, the accountant, came up with total abandonment costs of £7 billion in today's money, suggesting a 1988 study by UKOOA — costs estimated from £2.4 billion to £4.4 billion — may be too conservative.

Tax is also a live issue; according to Mr Lynch Bell, oil companies paying petroleum revenue tax and corporation tax can expect to offset about two thirds of the cost of abandonment against their tax liabilities. However, some cynics at major oil companies predict that as massive claims for allowances come pouring in the Treasury will tighten the rules to preserve revenue.

Meanwhile, the industry is doing its sums and using new methods to extend the life of old platforms to save money. Mr Lynch Bell doubts that abandonments will cause a cash crisis. "When banks lend, they look at future cash flows and these will include cash needed for abandonment. Some covenants require a fund to be built up. What will be devastating is if oil prices fall sharply one or two years before abandonment."

The ageing of the North Sea has created a brisk trade in oilfields as large companies sell their interest in higher cost tail-end fields while smaller entrepreneurial firms buy the assets cheaply and work them hard, pushing back the date of abandonment. The strategy may be higher risk, but the industry is never short of optimists.

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UK Growth Inc	232.70	247.60	- 1.00	3.03
Higher Inc Acc	641.00	682.00	- 3.60	4.21
Higher Inc Inc	370.50	394.20	- 2.20	4.21
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	190.50	191.00	+ 0.10	6.12
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	87.94	92.89	+ 0.09	6.12
Nth America	250.00	266.00	+ 0.70	
Far East	311.50	331.40	+ 2.00	0.25
Europe	254.80	271.19	- 0.40	0.95
Brit Excell	67.21	71.50	+ 0.12	3.27
Brit Fndmntls Acc	98.91	103.10	+ 0.50	4.39
Brit Fndmntls Inc	71.04	75.58	+ 0.30	4.39
Global Opps	78.34	83.35	+ 0.23	0.51
Balanced Acc	51.16	53.10†	- 0.18	3.21
Balanced Inc	49.91	53.10†	- 0.18	3.21
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	125.50	133.20†	- 0.10	8.07
High Inc Equity	151.30	161.70†	+ 0.60	4.87
Worldwide Bond	257.10	272.80	- 1.10	5.57
Capital Growth				
American Growth	265.50	284.20†	+ 1.50	.84
Asian Pacific	274.10	291.60	+ 3.00	
Assets & Earnings	243.40	258.90	- 1.10	3.01
Commdty & Energy	100.40	106.60	- 0.20	
Euro Capital Inc	125.20	133.50	- 0.40	.72
(Accum Units)	133.80	142.10	- 0.60	.72
General	214.50	228.20	+ 1.40	2.38
Japan	114.50	122.50	- 0.10	
Mastertrust	130.50	139.60	- 0.60	1.75
UK Growth Dist	114.00	122.30	- 0.10	2.83
US Emerging Cos	127.60	136.50	- 0.10	
Income & Growth	359.60	382.50	+ 1.90	3.27
Ethical	64.24	68.34	+ 0.25	3.00
International	106.20	113.00	- 0.60	1.13
Dividend & Growth	56.54	60.15†	- 0.21	4.67
Global Gwth & Sec	65.96	70.34	- 0.10	2.99
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.12	£16.79	-12.00	.
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	41.74	43.34	- 0.20	0.72
Cash	50.31	50.31†	- 0.01	4.47
European	105.40	110.10	- 0.10	
Exempt	204.50	216.05†	+ 0.30	1.85
Extra Income #	46.76	49.19†	+ 0.03	6.13
Far East Emg Ecn	100.60	107.00	+ 1.20	0.56
Fixed Interest #	22.39	23.50†	- 0.02	8.80
Fund Inv Tst	164.30	172.90	- 0.20	0.97
Japan	167.40	175.20	- 0.20	
Latin American	50.84	53.36	- 0.24	0.91
Pacific	64.11	67.54	- 0.72	0.40
Property Share	59.44	62.40†	+ 0.06	2.19
UK Emerging Cos	60.44	63.44†	- 0.02	1.95
UK Growth	41.51	44.12	+ 0.08	2.66
Aber World Port #	66.74	68.06	+ 0.36	2.41
Ethical	58.25	62.20†	- 0.09	2.03
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	48.75	48.75†	- 0.01	7.70
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 549 3232				
British Growth	65.68	68.88†	+ 0.34	2.72
British Income	76.23	81.10†	+ 0.21	3.44
Select Portfolio	79.35	84.41†	- 0.56	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
0452 305 958				
Amity Income	70.86	75.20	+ 0.15	2.59
Income Builder Inc	64.40	68.51†	+ 0.27	3.04
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	215.20	230.00	+ 1.60	3.39
Capital	378.30	404.00	+ 2.50	2.05
Balanced	632.90	676.50†	+ 2.80	2.94
Accumulator	£11.68	£12.48	+ 8.00	3.75
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.19	48.30†	- 0.58	3.69
High Income	365.40	390.60	+ 3.20	3.95
Equity Income	206.30	220.50†	+ 1.60	3.78
High Yield	221.90	237.20	+ 0.80	3.66
Govt Securities	32.29	34.09†	+ 0.10	6.22
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	136.40	145.60	- 0.10	0.48
European Growth	32.48	34.61	+ 0.24	0.01
International	146.70	156.70†	+ 0.60	0.21
Japan	193.70	206.30†	- 0.30	0.01
Pacific	341.00	364.50†	- 1.20	0.01
Secs of America	396.30	421.60†	+ 1.00	0.55
Wrldw Asset Val	43.97	47.00	+ 0.18	0.26
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	482.00	515.20†	- 3.60	2.46
Cons & Gilt	40.19	42.35†	- 0.07	5.40
Smaller Cos	159.60	170.90†	- 0.10	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	152.50	163.00	- 0.10	1.49
Recovery	126.00	134.60	+ 0.60	1.95
Met Min & Cdty	140.80	150.50	- 0.20	0.79
Uscas Earnings	321.80	343.90†	+ 1.80	1.96
Technology	153.00	163.50	- 1.30	0.07
UK Special Sits	416.90	445.60	- 0.10	1.94
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0293 526 911				
Critical Our Pens	94.60	99.49		3.04
Freedom Pensi Pens	59.54	61.75		2.25
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	66.17	70.39†	- 0.54	1.99
International	58.86	62.62†		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
031 222 4242				
America	260.00	279.70	+ 0.10	
Bond	107.40	113.10†	+ 0.50	7.35
Brit Smlr Cos	92.93	98.92†	+ 0.17	1.52
Cons & Gen #	62.66	66.69	- 0.02	5.58
Europe	207.50	220.30	+ 0.80	0.52
Euro Smlr Cos	94.67	100.90	- 0.10	0.61
Income Gwth	331.50	352.70†	+ 0.60	4.19
Japan	289.90	307.80	- 0.90	
Latin American	66.08	70.30	- 0.07	
Pacific	91.17	96.99	+ 1.72	0.83
UK Smlr Cos	50.30	53.51†	- 0.11	1.30
Japan Fd	662.90	692.90	+ 0.50	
Mngd Fd	161.60	172.10	- 1.00	3.06
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
071 489 8673				
Bri & Overs	260.10	273.90		1.34
Capital Gwth	104.50	110.00	...	2.44
Wwide Opps	165.10	173.80		0.46
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	318.90	332.20	+ 1.40	3.13
European Bd Inc	85.67	88.89†	- 0.03	8.03
Exempt	68.94	73.72	- 0.36	4.47
Financial	68.15	72.88	- 0.28	2.98
500	421.10	450.30	- 0.10	2.62
General	255.00	272.70	+ 1.30	2.84
Property	247.10	264.20†	..	6.30
Trustee	167.90	179.60†	- 0.90	2.60
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†	.	5.39
Extra Income	110.30	118.00	+ 0.40	4.33
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.63	57.51	+ 0.04	8.97
Income	483.20	516.80†	- 1.60	4.36
Income Builder	59.81	63.62	+ 0.19	4.95
Intl Income	57.82	61.51†	+ 0.34	3.88
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	109.90	117.30	+ 0.70	2.68
Leisure	114.60	122.50	+ 0.50	1.70
Recovery	381.20	407.70	+ 1.20	2.97
Smllr Cos Inc	41.67	44.69	- 0.02	2.08
Special Sits	261.50	279.70	+ 1.50	1.73
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	118.20	125.50	+ 0.70	0.74
Aust Acc	229.10	243.70	+ 0.10	2.25
Aust Inc	140.90	149.90†		2.25
Euro Gwth Inc	140.90	149.50	+ 0.80	0.78
(Accum Units)	150.80	159.90	+ 0.80	0.78
Japan & Gen Inc	164.30	174.00	+ 0.30	.
(Accum Units)	166.20	176.00	+ 0.20	.
Japan Spec Sits	75.36	79.83	- 0.34	
Unit Tech Inc	73.13	77.72	+ 0.28	0.05
Worldwide	154.70	164.30†	+ 1.0	0.89
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
081 658 9002				
American Growth	87.12	92.48	- 0.32	..
Amer Smlr Cos	122.30	131.10	+ 0.10	
Convertibles	52.90	56.57†	+ 0.08	5.70
Eastern	223.80	243.20	+ 4.40	0.10
Equity Income	82.92	88.21†	+ 0.20	4.90
European Growth	277.50	294.10	+ 0.90	1.00
Europe	205.40	218.40	- 0.50	0.20
German Growth	69.29	73.42	- 0.32	0.50
Global Bond	58.66	62.83†	- 0.10	6.20
Global Growth	114.30	121.90	+ 0.30	
Japan Growth	193.90	206.80	- 0.70	
Japan Sunrise	167.00	177.80	- 1.50	
Korea Trust	71.73	80.01	+ 1.84	
Portfolio	121.20	129.90	- 0.30	1.80
(Accum Units)	221.10	236.90	- 0.40	1.80
UK Growth	78.65	83.66	+ 0.24	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	80.69	86.29	+ 0.03	1.80
Select Managers	69.09	74.07	+ 0.21	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	69.55	73.99†		
Special Oppor Inc	49.70	52.87	..	..
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
071 236 6141				
General Sits	161.30	172.50	+ 1.90	1.63
Dividend	78.31	83.75†	- 0.25	4.12
Intl Gth & Inc	198.30	212.70†	+ 0.90	3.27
UK & Gen	41.50	44.29	- 0.12	2.50
Fund of Funds	58.51	62.58	+ 0.25	.
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
041 225 5020				
Balanced Growth	97.62	103.30		1.97
(Accum Units)	109.74	116.12		1.97
Smaller Cos	95.76	102.30		1.28
Higher Yield #	41.32	43.73†		4.60
American Gth Inc	68.51	72.50	.	...
European Growth	128.87	136.37		
(Accum Units)	131.41	139.05	.	
Global Bond Inc #	25.55	25.40		7.63
Mngd Ptflio Inc	38.84	41.08	..	1.60
(Accum Units)	39.39	41.66		1.60
Intl Spec Oppo	104.51	110.59		
Pacific Gth	108.55	114.86	...	.
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	69.00	73.02†		3.73
(Accum Units) #	70.66	74.77		3.73
Japan	57.91	61.29†	..	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	92.72	94.61		7.53
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.42	65.25	- 0.02	6.31
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
061 837 5060				
Environ	144.40	153.70†	+ 0.40	1.76
UK Growth	155.20	165.20	+ 0.72	2.52
UK Income	125.00	133.00	+ 0.50	4.60
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	172.30	182.60†	- 0.30	2.17
-do- Income Dist	103.60	109.90	+ 0.30	4.55
(Accum Units)	312.90	331.50	+ 0.90	4.55
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.12	41.47	+ 0.03	6.56
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	141.20	150.30	+ 0.70	
European Inc	73.46	77.76	- 0.07	0.52
Smaller Cos (4-1)	74.33	79.08	- 2.56	2.02
Growth	393.10	418.20	+ 1.50	2.52
Income & Growth	371.10	394.80†	+ 1.10	4.24
(Accum Units)	529.50	563.30	+ 1.70	4.24
Japan & Gen	66.99	71.09	- 0.04	
Master Portfolio	£98.01	£99.68†	+ 6.00	2.10
(Accum Units)	£114.57	£118.95	+ 8.00	2.10
Special Sits	89.22	95.03†	+ 0.26	2.54
High Yield	£12.12	£12.90	- 4.00	4.71
For Capital House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	77.82	83.04†	+ 0.31	2.40
American Portfolio	85.13	90.73	+ 0.42	1.30
European Portfolio	92.12	98.06	+ 0.58	0.80
Japanese Portfolio	60.57	64.30†	- 0.15	
Pacific Portfolio	124.45	133.82	+ 1.00	0.97
UK Inc & Growth	71.94	77.20	+ 0.28	3.46
Utility & Bond	53.53	54.13	- 0.14	7.09
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	645.05	651.10		4.75
Fxd Int Sec	147.10	147.45		9.83
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
071 332 6000				
UK General Tst	58.97	62.73†	+ 0.13	3.17
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	636.32	640.19		4.86
Accum	£27.23	£27.25		
Fixed Int Inc	119.50	119.75		9.69
Fixed Int Acc	185.16	185.45		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	109.08	119.11	...	..
UK Income	98.40	107.50	.	5.56
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	71.54	75.84		1.60
Beck Bio-Tech	24.30	26.97†	- 0.49	
Acorn Ethical Tst	145.30	152.95†		0.73
City Fin Assets	63.26	67.30	.	1.33
City Fin America	79.77	83.97		
City Fin Intl	69.46	73.12	..	0.99
City Fin Japan	151.18	159.14†		
Friars Hse Cap	262.87	279.74†		2.01
Friars Hse Inc	181.56	193.14		4.28
Buckley Wrld Gth	114.25	121.54		0.10
Fairmnt Cap Gth	127.26	135.38	- 4.10	.
Fairmount Intl	138.38	147.21	- 5.98	..
City Fin Ptflo Inc	50.49	53.71†	- 0.50	4.48
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	50.47	53.55	+ 0.41	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	52.52	56.10	+ 0.04	.
Atlas Mngd Gwth	33.30	35.61	+ 0.03	8.50
Dragon Growth	58.62	62.70	+ 0.82	0.58
Equity High Inc	77.15	82.07	+ 0.26	4.26
(Accum Units)	103.74	110.36	- 0.47	4.26
European Gwth	47.47	50.50	- 0.06	0.89
Evergreen	26.80	28.54	- 0.09	..
General Equity	77.97	82.73	- 0.39	2.75
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.61	24.81†	+ 0.04	8.67
Japan Growth	46.94	50.20	- 0.14	..
Pedigree Gwth	47.05	50.05	+ 0.14	2.79
Pmt Smr Cos Inc	28.76	30.60	- 0.01	1.26
(Accum Units)	29.88	31.79	- 0.01	1.26
Retirement Inc #	24.35	25.90	+ 0.06	6.22
Special Sits	35.46	37.72	- 0.12	2.15
UK & Overseas	43.92	46.72	+ 0.19	1.53
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0634 898 000				
Capital	61.59	65.87	+ 0.03	2.41
Income	56.68	60.61	+ 0.24	4.36
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	146.15	155.48	+ 0.25	5.77
Fixed & Convertible	38.29	40.73†	+ 0.02	7.51
Monthly Inc Plus	47.01	50.01	- 0.05	8.96
Preference Share	45.67	48.59†	+ 0.01	7.61
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	118.63	124.07†	+ 1.83	7.51
Managed Fund	62.63	66.63	- 0.19	3.18
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.57	38.90	+ 0.01	1.74
(Accum Units)	41.83	44.50	.	1.74
UK & General	71.95	76.54	+ 0.38	2.90
(Accum Units)	90.05	95.80	+ 0.47	2.90
UK Growth	129.71	137.99	+ 0.59	2.47
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	179.18	190.62	+ 0.25	0.26
Far Eastern Gth	114.03	121.31	+ 0.84	
Global Bond	74.13	78.77	+ 0.15	6.43
Japan Growth	110.65	117.71	- 0.30	
North Amer Gth	153.19	162.97	+ 0.73	.
Oriental Growth	65.12	69.28	+ 0.89	
Worldwide Growth	59.92	63.74	+ 0.14	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.68	92.68	+ 0.01	5.48
Homemaker Fund	71.57	78.14	+ 0.23	1.98
Quilter Fund	117.85	125.37	+ 0.03	3.13
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	53.61	57.03†	+ 0.13	3.30
(Accum Units)	58.06	61.76	+ 0.15	3.30
High Income	31.58	33.59	+ 0.09	4.90
Japan	32.54	34.61	- 0.11	
Smaller Cos Inc	28.80	30.63	- 0.03	2.60
Smaller Cos	30.49	32.43	- 0.04	2.60
North American	30.53	32.47	+ 0.20	0.60
European	34.86	37.08	+ 0.01	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.32	31.45	- 0.36	3.43
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	136.00	144.70	- 0.30	2.07
Income	65.46	69.64†	+ 0.22	5.31
European	57.60	61.28	+ 0.21	1.20
Recovery	143.90	153.10	+ 1.20	2.05
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	778.00	790.80†		3.84
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.20	72.56	+ 0.26	1.36
Income #	220.60	234.60	+ 0.60	4.96
(Accum Units) #	543.30	577.90	+ 1.50	4.96
Smaller Cos	147.90	157.30		0.62
(Accum Units)	180.80	192.30	.	0.62
Inv Portfolio	72.49	77.11	+ 0.32	1.54
High Inc Port #	64.05	68.13	+ 0.19	5.09
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.67	£15.03	-22.50	.
Japan Small Cos	£11.78	£12.01	-23.80	..
UK Small Cos	£16.94	£17.68†	-17.70	.
US Small Cos	£15.20	£15.70	-35.10	.
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	193.80	204.00		2.83
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 315 2500				
European Gwth	257.50	272.30	+ 0.50	1.02
New Asia	180.10	192.20	+ 1.70	0.18
Japan Growth	112.60	119.70	+ 0.10	
Jap Smlr Co	470.40	500.00	+ 1.00	.
Nth Amer	245.50	260.50	+ 1.20	0.91
Sel'd Asia Pac Mt	102.90	108.90	+ 0.90	0.41
UK Inc & Gth	196.30	209.50	+ 0.80	3.17
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	129.40	137.70†	+ 0.80	1.94
UK High Inc Inc	137.60	146.40	+ 0.50	4.92
(Accum Units)	176.20	187.40	+ 0.50	4.92
UK Prst & F I Inc	55.53	58.94†	+ 0.04	5.32
Environmntl Opps	78.10	83.09	+ 0.36	1.13
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 528				
American	114.80	121.80	+ 0.90	1.44
Convertibles #	19.48	20.70†	- 0.01	6.76
Equity Income #	117.00	124.30†	+ 0.99	4.26
Eurofund	42.36	45.00†	+ 0.30	0.44
Financial	40.41	42.94	+ 0.31	1.75
Growth & Inc #	218.00	231.60	+ 1.80	3.32
High Dist #	142.90	151.80	+ 0.90	4.94
International	346.60	368.30	+ 3.30	0.14
Inv Cap Inc	85.72	91.51†	+ 0.87	3.01
Latin American	29.07	30.89	- 0.02	.
Pacific	69.61	73.96	+ 0.52	
Preference Share	21.65	23.00†	+ 0.01	7.17
Tokyo	206.00	218.30	+ 0.20	.
UK Smaller Cos	211.80	225.00	- 0.40	1.22
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	199.35	212.63	- 4.06	1.07
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	182.30	193.90	- 5.40	0.99
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0296 431 480				
European	74.47	78.39	+ 0.60	1.72
Ethical Tst	41.11	43.27†	- 0.01	1.46
Far Eastern	264.93	278.87	+ 0.88	2.20
High Income	121.58	127.98	- 0.88	5.06
Intl Growth	110.06	115.85	+ 0.15	1.36
North American	102.59	107.99	+ 0.39	1.36
Pelican	107.92	113.61	+ 0.89	3.37
Smaller Cos	63.93	67.29	- 0.03	2.73
Special Sits	82.66	87.01	+ 0.28	2.68
Tst of Inv Tsts	169.76	178.69	+ 0.52	1.63
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	194.14	202.73	- 0.06	1.45
Smaller Cos Acc	339.71	353.88	+ 0.12	1.45
Recovery	49.32	51.38	- 0.25	1.38
Recovery Acc	49.85	51.93	- 0.25	1.38
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.48	113.28	+ 0.06	6.14
Capital Growth	74.91	80.33	- 0.09	
Fd of Inv Tsts	40.92	43.65†	+ 0.02	0.65
High Income #	41.14	44.09†	- 0.01	10.43
[illegible]	49.45	53.75	- 0.16	
Zero Preference	36.50	38.73†	+ 0.03	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	71.95	76.53†	+0.410	2.544
Family Income Tst	44.61	44.69†		6.14
Family Trust	80.29	85.41†		1.20
United Charities	248.20	264.00	.	3.39
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.06	100.00		5.40
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.22	26.31†	+ 0.01	7.89
Intl Bond	26.47	27.45†	+ 0.05	5.56
Income Funds				
High Income	23.71	24.95†	- 0.03	5.25
Income Plus	103.10	109.70	+ 0.78	4.39
Amer Eq Inc	44.00	46.67†	- 0.27	2.27
European Income	39.72	42.24	- 0.11	1.86
Far East Inc	57.76	61.41	+ 0.18	2.19
Global Convertible	21.31	22.74†	- 0.10	3.86
UK Gen Gth	22.87	24.32	+ 0.16	1.97
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	52.39	55.80	+ 0.66	.
American	223.60	236.90		
Amer Spec Sits	106.50	113.70	- 0.10	..
Japan Smaller Cos	37.30	39.79	+ 0.12	.
European	157.90	167.98	- 0.30	.
European Opps	58.54	62.25	+ 0.01	
Global Ptfo	27.85	29.30	+ 0.08	1.13
UK Growth	84.13	89.46	+ 0.39	
Growth & Inc	132.70	141.10†	+ 0.90	2.51
Intl PEP	34.11	36.27	+ 0.10	...
Japan Spec Sits	87.66	93.35	+ 0.63	
Japan	179.50	191.20	- 0.30	
Managed Intl	251.60	268.10	- 0.60	
Moneybuilder	48.97	52.07	+ 0.09	.
Recovery	44.73	47.57	+ 0.12	
South E Asia	124.00	132.30	+ 1.70	
Special Sits	469.10	498.80	+ 0.80	..
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	107.94	107.94	+ 0.01	5.40
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 814 2700				
Balanced #	124.80	127.66	.	1.67
Inc Ptflio #	73.54	81.09	+ 0.08	4.12
Cap Ptflio	130.00	132.50†	+ 0.30	0.78
General Opps	113.20	115.10	.	3.64
Growth Inc	27.86	28.59	+ 0.03	1.88
Private Portfolio	369.10	376.70	...	1.57
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	105.70	117.00	- 0.10	0.87
Emrg Asian	145.30	155.40	+ 1.00	.
High Income	20.44	21.71†	+ 0.03	10.38
Overs Income	84.46	90.37†	+ 0.53	3.56
UK Growth	98.71	105.80†	- 0.10	1.74
UK Income	97.92	104.40	+ 0.10	3.93
US Smaller Cos	281.50	301.10	+ 1.40	..
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	44.59	46.89†	+ 0.13	3.47
-do- Inv Tst Inc	70.47	74.10	+ 0.08	4.45
Intl Growth	62.71	65.94	.	1.35
Investment Trust	83.61	87.92	+ 0.17	
UK Smaller Cos	74.56	78.40†	- 0.24	1.02
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.20	55.74	+ 0.11	.
(Accum Units)	52.20	55.74	+ 0.11	.
Amer Smlr Cos	438.20	466.50	- 4.40	..
(Accum Units)	445.70	478.70	- 4.40	...
Capital Tst	292.70	311.38	- 0.10	1.61
(Accum Units)	418.20	444.58	- 0.30	1.61
Convl Smlr Cos	56.44	58.49	- 0.13	0.52
(Accum Units)	58.30	62.55	- 0.15	0.52
Convertible	120.20	127.80†	- 0.10	5.87
(Accum Units)	242.99	258.30†	- 0.20	5.87
Emerging Markets	63.62	67.86†	+ 0.61	.
(Accum Units)	63.66	68.01†	+ 0.59	
European	110.60	117.60	+ 0.20	0.14
(Accum Units)	115.86	123.20	+ 0.30	0.14
Extra Income	308.30	327.90†	+ 0.60	4.10
(Accum Units)	463.10	492.58†	+ 0.70	4.10
Financial	111.70	120.30	+ 0.60	0.30
(Accum Units)	117.70	126.70	+ 0.60	0.30
Gilt Trust	59.95	61.83	+ 0.02	6.37
(Accum Units)	83.73	86.34	+ 0.03	6.37
Health Fund Inc	121.90	130.20	+ 0.70	.
(Accum Units)	121.90	130.20	+ 0.70	
Income & Growth	175.70	186.90	- 0.50	3.32
(Accum Units)	265.40	282.30	- 0.80	3.32
Intl Growth	332.70	358.80	+ 0.50	
(Accum Units)	369.50	396.30	+ 0.70	
Japan & Gen	162.40	173.70	+ 0.20	
(Accum Units)	164.00	175.50	+ 0.30	...
Managed Port Inc	97.28	102.40	+ 0.10	1.50
(Accum Units)	103.10	108.50	+ 0.10	1.50
Monthly Income	153.30	163.00†	+ 0.20	4.10
Quarterly Income	49.50	52.65	- 0.02	4.81
(Accum Units)	52.64	55.99	- 0.03	4.81
Recovery	315.60	337.40†	- 3.50	0.13
(Accum Units)	371.50	397.20†	- 4.00	0.13
UK Growth	50.00	53.40	+ 0.18	2.79
(Accum Units)	51.72	55.24	+ 0.19	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881340				
FP Equity Dist	352.80	375.30	+ 1.40	2.89
-do- Accum	745.10	792.60	+ 2.80	2.89
FP Euro Gth Dist	133.90	142.40	+ 0.20	0.36
-do- Accum	139.50	148.40	+ 0.20	0.36
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.30	134.50†	+ 0.30	7.51
-do- Accum	233.30	246.50†	+ 0.50	7.51
FP Intl Gth Dist	83.84	89.19†	+ 0.38	0.68
-do- Accum	87.78	93.38†	+ 0.38	0.68
FP Nth Amer Dist	173.70	184.00†	+ 1.10	1.21
-do- Accum	191.40	202.70†	+ 1.20	1.21
FP Pac Basin Dist	275.30	292.80†	+ 2.20	0.26
-do- Accum	280.80	298.70†	+ 2.20	0.26
FP Income	49.68	52.99†	+ 0.14	4.36
(Accum Units)	160.80	171.60	+ 0.40	4.36
FP Jap Smlr Cos	336.80	359.20	- 3.50	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	67.17	71.88	+ 0.53	6.19
FP Stlg Deposit	100.30	100.30†		4.80
FP Tokyo	80.30	85.54	- 0.13	0.0
FP UK Growth	159.00	169.60	+ 1.90	2.87
(Accum Units)	308.10	328.80	+ 3.60	2.87
Stewardship Dist	308.90	328.40	- 0.70	2.11
-do- Accum	375.20	399.10	- 0.90	2.11
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	67.81	72.13	- 0.03	3.88
-do- Accum	87.43	93.01	- 0.04	3.88
N Am Stshp Dist	90.42	96.19†	+ 0.04	0.79
-do- Accum	96.07	102.20†		0.79
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	99.83	106.20	+ 0.50	0.78
Open Cap Gth Acc	102.20	108.70	+ 0.50	0.17
Cap Gth Inc Inc	96.92	103.10	+ 0.50	1.83
Cap Gth Inc Acc	98.52	104.80	+ 0.30	1.83
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	100.20	106.50	+ 0.30	1.81
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	101.70	108.10	+ 0.30	1.81
NM Unit Trusts				
American	42.34	45.04	+ 0.29	1.22
Australian	298.80	320.60	- 1.10	0.6
Conscience	65.37	69.78	- 0.09	0.86
European	188.00	201.00	+ 0.50	0.82
(Accum Units)	204.40	217.40	+ 0.50	0.82
Gilt & FI	55.37	58.56	+ 0.12	6.58
Gold	46.96	50.49	+ 0.07	0.0
Intnl	29.31	31.28	- 0.06	0.52
(Accum Units)	42.50	45.35	- 0.10	0.52
Sing & Malaysian	213.40	228.80	+ 4.50	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.97	31.15†	- 0.54	1.12
Special Sits	33.48	35.99	+ 0.43	1.88
US Smaller Cos	103.00	110.10	- 0.20	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	218.20	230.80	+ 1.10	2.74
Cash	49.69	50.44	+ 0.01	4.88
Growth Portfolio	69.88	74.08	- 0.01	1.09
Income Portfolio	59.08	62.45	+ 0.31	4.71
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	172.10	184.10	+ 0.30	
European	525.60	562.20	- 1.70	0.48
Far East & Gen	231.60	247.70	+ 2.20	.
Germany	110.00	116.60	...	
Income Inc	142.40	152.90	+ 0.30	4.74
(Accum Units)	150.80	161.93	+ 0.30	4.74
International	301.90	322.90	+ 0.30	0.22
Intl Income	73.85	78.55	+ 0.36	4.32
Japan & General	374.90	398.60	+ 0.10	.
Korean Securities	58.95	63.85	+ 1.52	.
Smllr Cos Div Inc	43.81	46.86†	- 0.05	5.12
UK Capital (Inc)	157.10	168.10	+ 0.40	1.13
UK Spec Sits	78.47	83.93	+ 0.18	0.74
US & General	125.10	133.20	+ 0.39	.
Wwide Spec Sits	137.60	147.10	+ 0.50	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.70	46.73	+ 0.14	2.55
Cash Trust	136.24	136.24†	+ 0.02	5.15
Practical Inv Inc #	107.60	115.08	+ 0.07	3.57
(Accum Units) #	244.83	261.64	+ 0.16	3.57
UK Index	137.06	139.30	+ 0.51	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	117.55	125.72	+ 3.24	1.07
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.83	26.56†	+ 0.02	9.38
High Income	31.38	33.56	+ 0.05	5.33
UK Equity Income	128.77	137.72	+ 0.21	3.72
Global Bond	26.09	27.86†	+ 0.08	5.53
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	44.39	47.48	+ 1.59	0.17
Global Inc & Gth	122.24	130.21	+ 0.22	2.33
Gold & Intl Res	100.61	107.60	- 0.65	0.07
Global Utilities	121.57	130.27†	+ 0.92	1.28
Overseas Funds				
American	133.33	142.22	+ 0.27	1.25
European	93.28	98.92	- 0.01	1.07
Euro Sel Opps	133.93	142.68	- 0.10	...
Amer Emerging	91.07	97.40†	- 0.03	
Hong Kong	111.09	119.81	+ 1.38	2.10
Japan	221.43	236.88	- 1.54	
Pacific Growth	181.78	194.42	+ 2.65	1.69
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	198.75	198.75†	+ 0.34	2.18
Long Term Bal	217.00	217.00†	+ 0.56	3.19
Med Term Bal	186.16	186.16†	+ 0.75	3.74
UK Equity	224.94	224.94	+ 0.69	2.60
UK Emerging Cos	133.44	133.44†	- 0.03	2.31
American	218.95	218.95	+ 1.33	1.59
Japan	117.34	117.34	+ 0.09	.
European	241.68	241.68	+ 0.05	1.15
Index Linked Gilt	163.24	163.24†	+ 0.25	3.05
Fixed Interest	151.21	151.21	+ 0.14	6.98
Amer Emerging	237.57	237.57	- 0.29	0.21
Pacific	197.41	197.41‡	+ 2.37	1.08
Emerging Mkts	121.28	121.28	- 5.24	1.02
Index Strat Japan	139.12	139.12†	- 0.68	0.38
-do- Pacific Rim	150.52	150.52†	+ 1.08	1.59
-do- Cont Europe	139.44	139.44†	- 0.07	1.86
Index Strs USA	125.02	125.02†	+ 0.69	2.46
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	93.89	99.89	+ 0.18	
Med Term Bal	88.56	94.21	+ 0.38	
Long Term Bal	97.69	103.92	+ 0.27	.
UK Equity	104.03	110.67	+ 0.34	
UK Emerging Cos	62.53	66.52	- 0.02	.
American	101.52	108.00	+ 0.65	
Japan	56.34	59.94	+ 0.05	
European	100.70	107.13	- 0.02	
Fixed Interest	76.49	81.38	- 0.08	.
Index Linked Gilt	72.37	76.99	- 0.11	.
Deposit	79.93	85.03	+ 0.02	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	109.40	116.40	+ 0.50	
Berkeley Income	104.50	111.20†	+ 0.10	3.05
BWH Intl	126.09	134.83	+ 0.59	0.63
Brcldl Gth Port Inc	56.78	59.93	+ 0.18	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	53.22	56.17†	+ 0.07	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	49.46	52.19	+ 0.25	0.50
Shaw Utilities	57.04	60.20	+ 0.38	2.64
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	515.41	548.31†	- 8.21	1.52
(Accum Units)	572.21	608.73	- 9.11	1.52
European Inc	133.72	142.25†	..	0.68
Amalgam Inc	138.41	146.55		
N America Inc	309.63	329.39	-11.11	
Far East Inc	325.49	346.27	...	
(Accum Units)	337.11	358.63		
UK Dvld Inc	165.95	176.54†		1.41
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	83.40	87.77†	- 0.30	4.71
UK Small Cos	45.11	48.25	- 0.05	1.01
British Growth	50.18	52.02	- 0.18	2.57
American Gwth	155.81	166.64†	- 0.64	.
Japan Gwth	71.72	76.77†	+ 0.06	
Greater China	168.48	178.05	- 2.16	
Pacific Strategy	142.72	152.64	- 1.65	
European Gwth	80.22	85.79	- 1.17	0.29
Intl Growth	132.36	141.56†	- 0.03	
US Index (£)	12.80	13.49	- 0.12	4.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	70.58	74.68	- 0.02	2.26
Monthly Income	35.61	37.98†	+ 0.16	10.06
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	9.42	9.92	- 0.16	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 488 1212				
Small Cos	87.41	92.99†	- 0.31	1.53
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
071 538 9668				
Cash	137.60	137.60	.	4.42
European	452.80	483.70†	+ 0.30	0.11
Gilt & Fixed	123.60	131.20	- 0.40	5.35
Growth Equity	301.50	322.10	- 0.50	2.54
Income Trust	121.40	129.60†	+ 0.80	3.35
International	165.30	177.20	- 0.43	
Japan Trust	118.10	126.10†	- 0.43	
Nth American	243.30	259.30	- 1.30	0.17
Pacific	475.00	507.40	+ 5.30	
Guardhill	452.20	483.10	+ 1.80	2.01
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	98.00	101.62	- 0.73	6.56
Global High Inc	96.43	100.06	+ 0.16	6.75
Prem Fixed Int	98.63	102.44	- 0.51	8.52
Eqty & Bond Inc	96.28	102.57†	+ 0.12	6.25
European Growth	95.43	101.47	- 0.02	
Intl PEP Trust	55.28	58.77	+ 0.09	
High Income	112.14	119.23	- 1.45	4.37
-do- Accum	153.41	163.11	- 1.99	4.37
Recovery	353.90	376.30	- 0.36	1.85
(Accum Units)	406.10	431.80	- 0.50	1.85
St Vinc High Inc	119.33	121.11	+ 0.15	7.34
Tmp Bar Emer Co	236.55	251.20	- 9.10	1.42
Tmp Br Sm Co In	334.80	340.70†	+ 0.46	2.16
Glob Pro Tst	87.52	93.06	+ 0.34	1.56
(Accum Units)	88.34	93.93	+ 0.35	1.56
Inc Share Tst	87.24	92.76	- 0.04	8.07
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5080				
Growth		25.00		
Growth Acc		25.00		
Income		25.00		.
Income Acc		25.00		.
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptfolo	187.30	199.70	+ 2.10	2.74
Smaller Cos	31.02	33.00†	+ 0.01	0.88
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0277 263 280 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	276.63	295.05	+ 0.17	1.37
Best of British	59.33	63.06	+ 0.24	2.78
UK Smaller Cos	118.54	127.43	- 0.07	1.46
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	256.57	273.34	+ 0.87	3.72
(Accum Units)	688.94	734.76	+ 2.33	3.72
High Income #	299.04	319.67†	+ 0.79	4.18
Extra Income #	261.55	278.15†	+ 0.62	6.09
Pref & Gilt	44.99	48.36†	- 0.06	7.00
International				
International	245.65	261.73	+ 1.54	0.47
Global Bond	50.87	54.11†	+ 0.15	5.51
Family of Funds	75.72	80.97†	+ 0.32	0.15
Global Tech	144.88	154.00	- 0.73	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	151.58	162.08†	+ 2.28	0.41
European	441.65	468.40	- 0.10	0.57
European Income	76.54	81.03	- 0.07	2.82
Euro Smlr Cos	142.49	152.69	- 0.11	0.10
Eur Sp Sits	66.78	71.04	- 0.04	0.05
(Accum Units)	71.54	76.10	- 0.04	0.05
Japan Trust	204.03	217.07†	- 1.07	..
Japan Special Sits	232.42	247.45	- 0.29	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	224.12	239.80	+ 1.48	
North American	223.36	237.49†	+ 1.94	0.57
American Smaller	98.32	105.10	- 0.11	.
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.41	55.65	- 0.05	.
Eur Sp Sits	57.68	61.01	- 0.03	.
General Growth	40.50	42.92	+ 0.14	.
Global Tech	56.35	59.73	- 0.28	.
Income Growth	39.62	41.99	+ 0.13	.
Japan Growth	24.98	26.47	- 0.14	
Smaller Cos	21.15	22.41	..	..
Special Opps	28.15	29.83	- 0.03	
Wwide Sp Sits	44.79	47.47	+ 0.24	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
081 686 4355				
British	91.30	97.61	+ 0.23	2.60
Capital	159.70	170.80	- 0.40	1.58
Dollar	320.60	342.80	+ 0.70	0.93
Enterprise Gth	305.60	326.80	+ 0.80	1.97
European	209.40	223.90	+ 0.50	0.40
Far East	277.40	296.60†	+ 3.60	0.01
Financial	739.50	790.80	+ 3.00	1.61
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.30	25.27†	..	7.78
High Yield	97.76	104.50	- 0.40	4.35
Income & Growth	133.00	142.50	+ 0.60	3.62
International	231.70	247.60†	+ 0.50	
Japanese General	193.00	206.40†	+ 0.20	
Japan Tech	78.45	83.90†	+ 0.25	.
Nat Resources	69.20	74.01	- 0.04	
Portfolio	67.40	72.08	+ 0.16	1.46
Smaller Cos	119.30	127.50	+ 0.10	1.59
Special Sits	140.40	150.10	+ 0.50	1.72
UK Emerging Cos	88.06	94.18	..	1.00
US Smaller Cos	78.86	84.12	- 0.11	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 830 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	94.26	100.80†	+ 0.20	6.87
Capital	545.00	581.60	+ 0.80	2.58
Income #	518.30	553.00†	+ 1.10	5.29
Footsie Fund	49.33	52.15†	+ 0.20	2.69
Trade Index	104.10	111.10	...	2.03
UK Index	127.90	136.50†	+ 0.40	3.29
International Funds				
American Growth	460.70	491.70	+ 1.30	0.65
American Index	189.00	201.50	+ 1.20	1.25
European Growth	105.60	112.60†	+ 0.60	0.02
Eurotrack 100	147.20	156.60	+ 0.20	0.91
Global Bond	19.63	20.71†	+ 0.02	6.24
Japan Growth	254.00	270.60	- 1.60	.
Japan Index	73.91	78.88	- 0.91	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	34.05	36.34	+ 0.14	.
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	46.89	50.04†	+ 0.84	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	79.29	84.62	+ 0.81	1.18
Spore & Mlysn Gth	62.69	66.91	- 0.14	.
Tiger Index	177.70	189.60	+ 2.20	0.24
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.72	29.81	- 0.04	1.10
General Funds				
Managed	66.45	69.98	+ 0.19	2.09
Rupert Child Fnd	78.28	81.25	+ 0.42	2.54
UK Growth	55.15	57.24	+ 0.38	2.48
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.74	50.74	+ 0.01	4.90
Cashbox (Acc)	58.93	58.93	+ 0.01	4.98
UK Extra Inc	79.75	82.76†	+ 0.18	6.53
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.29	26.07†	- 0.02	7.90
UK Inc & Gwth	37.59	39.61	+ 0.11	4.16
UK Income	311.40	323.20	+ 1.10	3.86
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	45.83	47.47	+ 0.16	0.51
Amer Smllr Cos	108.80	112.90	- 0.10	
(Accum Units)	110.00	114.10	- 0.10	..
Europa Gth	141.20	146.30	- 0.10	
(Accum Units)	146.00	151.20	+ 0.10	..
Euro Smaller Cos	26.53	27.53	- 0.02	
French Growth	69.34	71.97	+ 0.70	0.33
Accum Units	74.28	77.10	+ 0.74	0.33
H Kong & China	63.76	66.18†	+ 0.42	2.01
Intl Growth	53.02	55.03	+ 0.16	0.52
(Accum Units)	53.47	55.50	+ 0.17	0.57
Japan Gth	31.19	32.37	- 0.02	...
Accum Units	31.19	32.37	- 0.02	..
Japan Smaller Cos	39.49	40.99	+ 0.01	..
Glob Emg Mkts	87.50	90.82	- 0.19	..
Accum Units	88.13	91.46	+ 0.18	.
SE Asia	275.50	285.90	+ 3.80	0.39
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	50.77	52.30	+ 0.17	6.20

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
071 581 3020				
American Cap	124.20	132.00	+ 1.00	.
Income	139.07	147.94†	+ 0.32	4.05
UK Growth	51.31	54.58†	- 0.21	0.98
International	70.56	75.05†	- 0.05	0.30
Ecology	73.94	78.65	+ 0.11	1.37
European	114.40	121.47	+ 0.08	..
Far Eastern	273.30	290.60	+ 1.70	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	46.96	49.98†	+ 0.23	7.71
Gilt Yield	111.50	117.70†	+ 0.50	6.90
Global Income	198.60	211.30	- 1.28	4.31
High Yield	129.60	136.80†	- 0.19	6.46
(Accum Units)	388.80	413.60†	- 7.03	6.46
Smllr Cos Div	49.37	52.52	- 0.07	3.02
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	82.69	87.97†	+ 0.70	
North American	71.19	75.72	+ 0.03	0.17
European Special	102.10	108.60	+ 0.10	0.14
European	143.10	152.20†	+ 0.80	0.39
(Accum Units)	188.00	200.00†	+ 1.30	0.39
General	254.10	270.30†	+ 1.80	3.35
Japan	385.30	409.90	- 2.00	
Japanese Special	229.10	243.70	+ 1.00	
Master Accum	220.80	234.90	+ 1.30	0.59
Pacific	297.60	316.60	+ 2.90	..
(Accum Units)	349.00	371.30	+ 3.40	
Smaller Cos	103.80	110.40		0.62
UK Equity Growth	36.66	39.00	+ 0.21	1.72
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
071 629 1693				
Global Inc & Gth	57.12	60.76	+ 0.12	
Inv Trust	61.83	65.77	- 0.09	
Cautious Inc/Gth	54.85	58.35	+ 0.13	1.57
High Inc Acc	53.34	56.74	- 0.07	3.90
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 588 2800				
Income	543.50	554.60†	..	6.37
Intl & General	378.10	385.80†	.	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	247.02	262.79	+ 0.81	5.71
Inc & Growth Inc	52.52	55.67†		4.65
Smaller Cos	53.04	56.43	.	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	230.80	245.50	- 0.70	2.22
High Income	101.10	107.50†	- 0.40	4.49
International	90.56	96.34	+ 0.19	0.63
Recovery Trust	58.31	62.03	- 0.07	1.64
European Trust	77.24	82.17	- 0.13	1.06
Japanese Trust	41.44	44.08†	+ 0.07	...
American Trust	80.29	85.41	+ 0.01	
Managed	62.36	66.97	- 0.13	0.57
Cash	51.26	51.36	+ 0.01	4.65
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 374 0916				
UK Cap	339.00	344.90	+ 2.40	2.67
UK Inc/Gth	363.40	368.80	- 1.60	3.51
UK Income	253.70	257.90	+ 1.20	4.49
UK Sm Cos	225.90	236.00	- 0.50	2.03
Euro Gwth	117.00	117.80	+ 0.19	.
N Amer Gwth	75.81	76.55	+ 0.25	0.12
Japan Growth	61.58	62.18	+ 0.51	.
Money Mkt	121.92	121.92	...	1.520
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	441.40	469.60	+ 1.70	2.79
(Accum Units)	868.40	923.80	+ 3.30	2.79
Equity Income	91.32	97.04†	- 0.12	4.21
UK Tactical Allocatn	52.49	55.74†	+ 0.41	3.19
European	107.83	114.70	+ 0.30	1.80
Far Eastern	201.60	214.50	- 1.30	
Fixed Interest	49.57	52.73†	- 0.08	6.94
Gilt	85.66	90.84	+ 0.05	6.78
Global Growth	69.70	74.15	+ 0.22	0.11
Intl Bond	49.81	52.90	+ 0.07	5.33
Japanese	68.04	72.38	- 0.40	..
North American	137.60	146.40†	+ 1.30	1.08
Pacific Growth	96.54	102.70	+ 1.20	0.20
UK Index	58.35	61.58	+ 0.21	3.28
UK Recovery	85.25	90.69	- 0.06	1.85
UK Smaller Cos	115.30	122.70†	...	1.54
US Index	56.41	59.54*	- 0.40	1.90
European Index	68.93	73.22	+ 0.03	1.64
Japan Index	38.39	40.52	- 0.14	.
Worldwide	77.94	82.92	- 0.16	1.45
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	48.92	50.18†	- 0.19	2.19
Income	55.25	59.41†	+ 0.04	3.11
Far East	48.69	52.07	- 0.28	..
North American	85.38	91.32	- 0.09	
Global	84.13	89.58	- 0.02	0.24
European	81.48	87.14	- 0.05	0.37
Japan	100.10	107.10	- 0.70	
Intl Currency Bd	56.24	58.61	+ 0.13	5.60
SE Asia	92.36	98.77	+ 1.17	..
UK Cap Growth	86.76	92.79	+ 0.38	1.51
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	320.90	341.40	+ 1.70	3.09
-do- Acc	729.90	776.50	+ 4.06	3.09
Cont Euro Gilt	58.83	62.58	+ 0.35	0.75
-do- Acc	63.93	67.38	+ 0.40	0.75
Extra Inc	239.50	254.80	- 3.60	4.44
-do- Acc	621.70	661.40	- 6.90	4.44
FTSE 100 Inc	92.22	98.11	+ 0.68	3.93
FTSE 100 Acc	92.22	98.11	+ 0.68	2.93
German Gilt	118.90	125.30	+ 0.40	0.20
-do- Acc	124.70	131.30	+ 0.40	0.20
Growth Port	511.70	544.40	+10.30	0.24
-do- Acc	520.10	553.40	+10.40	0.24
Hi Reserve Inc #	94.65	100.70	+ 0.73	6.11
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Income	463.70	492.80	+ 1.60	3.99
-do- Acc	£12.43	£13.23	+ 5.00	3.99
Income Port	491.60	523.00	+ 1.10	4.73
-do- Acc	521.60	554.90	+ 1.20	4.73
Japan Growth	96.37	102.60	- 0.20	..
-do- Acc	96.70	102.90	- 0.90	..
Master Trust	54.43	57.91	+ 0.18	1.50
-do- Acc	60.77	64.65	+ 0.20	1.50
N American Gth	167.00	177.70	- 0.90	0.85
-do- Acc	192.90	205.30	- 0.30	0.85
N Am Sm Co Inc	127.50	135.70	- 0.80	
-do- Acc	130.10	138.50	- 0.80	...
Pacific Basin	212.10	225.70	+ 3.10	0.83
-do- Acc	225.00	239.40	+ 3.30	0.83
Small Cos Inc	333.90	372.20	- 0.20	2.06
-do- Acc	472.90	487.80	- 0.20	2.06
UK Growth	78.92	83.96	- 0.79	2.73
-do- Acc	95.94	102.10	- 0.80	2.73
Worldwide Gth	283.20	301.30	+ 1.50	0.54
-do- Acc	417.80	444.50	+ 2.20	0.54
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
0392 282 673				
American	59.70	64.04	+ 0.48	0.10
General	80.12	85.97	+ 0.46	2.60
Income	62.62	67.18	+ 0.14	5.50
International	57.97	62.19	+ 0.29	0.50
Japan	54.35	58.30	- 0.10	.
Tst of Inv Trusts	62.64	67.21	+ 0.06	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	364.10	385.00	+ 1.99	0.86
(Accum Units)	452.80	477.90	+ 2.40	0.86
Amer Recovery	432.30	455.00	+ 1.00	0.54
(Accum Units)	493.80	522.10	+ 1.39	0.54
Amer Smlr Cos	125.20	132.40†	+ 0.10	...
(Accum Units)	127.90	135.30	+ 0.10	
Australasian	151.50	160.20	- 0.50	2.14
(Accum Units)	183.70	194.20	- 0.60	2.14
Capital	775.80	820.40	+ 1.80	2.74
(Accum Units)	881.40	932.10	+ 2.10	2.74
Charifund	646.00	652.50	+ 4.80	5.98
(Accum Units)	£29.84	£30.14	+22.10	5.98
Commodity	371.20	392.50	- 3.50	0.38
(Accum Units)	544.20	575.50	- 5.20	0.38
Compound Gth	877.70	928.20	+ 4.70	3.09
(Accum Units)	920.00	972.90	+ 4.80	3.09
Dividend	38.90	39.00	+ 0.30	4.73
(Accum Units)	154.80	163.60	+ 1.20	4.73
Equity Income	327.10	345.90	+ 1.39	5.09
(Accum Units)	416.30	440.30	+ 1.70	5.09
Euro & General	468.80	495.80†	+ 0.90	1.13
(Accum Units)	593.00	627.20	+ 1.20	1.13
Euro Dividend	64.90	68.60†	+ 0.10	3.86
(Accum Units)	78.10	82.60	+ 0.20	3.86
Extra Yield	387.10	409.40	+ 3.20	4.96
(Accum Units)	£12.01	£12.70	+ 9.90	4.96
Far Eastern	309.50	327.30	+ 2.40	1.09
(Accum Units)	410.00	433.60	+ 3.20	1.09
Fund of Inv Tsts	560.50	592.70	+ 0.70	2.23
(Accum Units)	£10.46	£11.07	+ 1.20	2.23
General	58.50	59.70†	+ 0.30	3.87
(Accum Units)	158.80	167.90	+ 0.90	3.87
Gilt Income	58.13	58.24	+ 0.13	8.26
(Accum Units)	152.40	159.69	+ 0.35	8.26
Gold	59.10	62.50†	- 1.00	1.13
(Accum Units)	69.70	73.99	- 1.10	1.13
High Income	26.40	27.90†	+ 0.10	5.01
(Accum Units)	105.90	112.20	+ 0.50	5.01
Intl Growth	69.90	73.96	+ 0.30	1.17
(Accum Units)	121.60	128.70	+ 0.60	1.17
International Inc	91.10	96.30	+ 0.10	4.60
(Accum Units)	135.30	143.00	+ 0.20	4.60
Japan & Gen	44.70	47.30	- 0.19	.
(Accum Units)	47.90	50.80		
Japan Smlr Cos	158.20	167.30	+ 0.30	.
(Accum Units)	159.30	168.50	+ 0.30	
Managed Income	25.60	27.10†	+ 0.10	4.16
Midland	58.50	61.90	+ 0.10	3.23
(Accum Units)	195.50	206.90	+ 0.20	3.23
Pension Ex	866.70	888.40	+ 4.30	4.60
Recovery	38.30	40.50†	+ 0.10	2.87
(Accum Units)	62.90	66.50	+ 0.20	2.87
Second General	66.00	69.80†		3.62
(Accum Units)	171.30	181.30	+ 0.10	3.62
Smaller Cos	66.10	69.90		3.21
(Accum Units)	129.80	137.30	- 0.10	3.21
Sterling Hi Inc	23.51	23.61†	+ 0.05	8.89
Treasury	25.01	25.05†		5.77
Trustee	38.90	41.10	+ 0.20	4.70
(Accum Units)	156.60	165.90	+ 0.90	4.70
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	75.05	79.83	+ 0.06	0.95
Intl Bond	59.47	62.52	+ 0.28	5.70
Intl Equity Growth	64.84	68.95	+ 0.21	0.65
N Amer Growth	88.96	94.63	+ 0.38	1.02
Special Sits Growth	20.15	21.43	+ 0.10	1.78
UK Growth	346.30	368.40	+ 1.80	2.85
(Accum Units)	451.70	480.50	+ 2.40	2.85
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01628 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.28	£12.62	.	3.90
Income #	928.70	943.50†	..	4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 222 4242				
Maldon General	136.90	149.80	..	4.34
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	186.25	199.10	+ 1.10	2.54
Gilt & Fxd Int	165.30	174.20	+ 0.30	6.82
Intl Growth	193.00	205.60	+ 0.40	0.30
North American	172.20	183.80	+ 0.20	0.63
Far East	235.50	251.90	+ 2.70	1.25
UK Smaller Cos	164.50	175.90	..	1.73
European	76.48	81.38	- 0.02	0.13
Japanese Growth	44.61	47.49	+ 0.01	...
High Income	177.10	189.40	+ 1.50	4.42
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0244 680 065				
M & S Inv Ptflo	141.30	148.70†	+ 0.47	2.31
-do- Accum	162.60	171.10†	+ 0.47	2.31
UK Sel Ptflo	121.70	128.10	+ 0.63	2.52
-do- Accum	141.40	148.90	+ 0.63	2.52
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
0904 364 842				
Managed Tst	63.02	67.84	...	4.03
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 479 4648				
Intl Income	66.43	70.52†	+ 0.26	4.60
European	75.35	79.99	+ 0.18	0.42
Income #	69.39	73.66	+ 0.25	6.07
Nth American	57.84	61.40	+ 0.13	0.68
Far East	149.10	158.30	+ 0.30	.
Japan	52.00	55.20	- 0.12	...
Emrging Mkts	88.21	94.34	+ 0.19	
Intl Growth	98.91	105.00	.	0.79
UK Growth	84.21	89.39	+ 0.30	1.19
UK Smlr Co	44.22	46.94	- 0.06	1.01
Asian Opps Fd	32.58	34.88	+ 0.18	0.15
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
071 407 5966				
Income	390.76	415.70	+ 1.92	4.29
Global Inc	65.77	69.97	- 0.38	2.95
Brit Leaders	328.45	349.41	+ 1.88	2.56
Intl Leaders	189.99	202.12	+ 1.65	0.81
PAM Mg Bal Gth	58.80	61.78	+ 0.17	0.86
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 071 280 2068				
American	189.90	201.40	+1.300	..
(Accum Units)	203.00	215.30	+1.400	..
American Opps	84.89	90.34	+0.120	..
(Accum Units)	85.75	91.47	+0.120	.
British Blue Chip	73.37	78.03	+0.250	3.10
(Accum Units)	90.45	96.21	+0.320	3.10
Cash	100.10	100.10†	..	5.92
(Accum Units)*	137.60	137.60†	.	5.92
Emerging Mkts	95.81	103.00	+1.100	0.14
(Accum Units)	95.80	103.10	+1.100	0.14
European Growth	230.00	243.90	+1.300	0.19
(Accum Units)	248.00	262.90	+1.400	0.19
European Income	77.55	81.92†	+0.340	3.50
(Accum Units)	104.20	110.10†	+0.490	3.50
General	466.30	498.90	+1.600	2.49
(Accum Units)	909.80	968.70	+3.100	2.49
Global Bond	117.40	123.40	+0.300	5.60
(Accum Units)	141.50	148.70	+0.400	5.60
Gold & General	194.70	208.40	- 3.80	0.43
(Accum Units)	199.80	214.80	- 4.00	0.43
Govt Securities	87.24	88.94†	+0.160	6.32
(Accum Units)	169.90	175.10†	+0.490	6.32
Income	140.80	149.60	+0.400	4.64
(Accum Units)	217.80	231.70	+0.600	4.64
Inc Portfolio #	90.18	95.71†	+0.310	5.43
(Accum Units) #	91.19	96.79†	+0.320	5.43
Intl Opps	423.80	451.00†	+0.600	0.38
(Accum Units)	565.90	602.30†	+0.700	0.38
Japan	167.30	177.30†	- 0.20	
(Accum Units)	171.70	181.90†	- 0.30	..
New Europe	166.20	177.30	+0.100	0.79
(Accum Units)	170.80	181.30	+0.100	0.79
Pacific	101.80	108.40	+1.300	0.94
(Accum Units)	109.80	116.70	+1.400	0.94
Recovery	273.40	291.50	- 0.20	0.89
(Accum Units)	348.90	372.20	- 0.20	0.89
UK Smaller Cos	53.18	56.73	- 0.08	0.91
(Accum Units)	60.12	64.13	- 0.09	0.91
Portfolio	74.42	79.08	+0.270	2.92
(Accum Units)	87.39	92.86	+0.340	2.92
Managed Gth	91.42	95.76†	+0.230	1.98
Managed Inc	95.82	99.49†	+0.230	4.52
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	106.97	113.80	+ 0.56	0.94
Portfolio	61.96	65.91	+ 0.37	0.08
UK Income Inc	70.81	75.33	+ 0.39	4.97
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.29	59.98	+ 0.13	3.34
(Accum Units)	60.39	63.11	+ 0.14	3.34
British Fd	79.70	83.46	+ 0.97	2.01
(Accum Units)	91.64	95.95	+ 1.12	2.01
Extra High Inc	64.99	68.05†	- 0.06	6.69
(Accum Units)	125.80	131.70†	+ 0.10	6.69
FT-SE 100 Acc	50.43	52.80†	+ 0.27	3.34
FT-SE 100 Dist	49.65	51.99†	+ 0.21	3.34
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.30	54.44	+ 0.07	7.31
(Accum Units)	151.30	157.50	+ 0.20	7.31
High Yield	211.70	221.70	+ 0.40	5.79
(Accum Units)	530.30	555.30	+ 1.0	5.79
Income	270.20	282.90	+ 0.60	3.69
(Accum Units)	587.80	615.40	+ 1.30	3.69
Money Market UT	49.81	49.81	+ 0.01	5.39
(Accum Units)	77.48	77.48	+ 0.02	5.39
Monthly Income	81.20	85.09†	+ 0.16	6.23
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	94.75	100.80	+ 0.40	1.95
European Growth	99.49	105.50	- 0.10	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	82.37	87.38	+ 0.11	8.55
Income	79.79	84.88	+ 0.19	3.81
Japan Growth	49.43	52.40	+ 0.66	...
Managed	65.20	69.36	+ 0.16	2.53
Money Market	88.82	91.82	+ 0.03	4.38
North American	83.45	88.48	- 0.07	0.51
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	86.07	91.58	+ 0.34	1.93
European Growth	93.68	98.20	- 0.15	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.54	83.33	+ 0.11	8.31
Income	78.39	83.39	+ 0.18	3.08
Japan Growth	49.35	52.31	+ 0.66	..
Managed	62.37	66.35	+ 0.15	2.51
Money Market	80.09	84.89	+ 0.02	4.33
North American	76.12	80.66	- 0.06	0.61
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	86.05	91.54	+ 0.35	1.92
European Growth	91.36	96.85	- 0.15	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	71.92	76.37	+ 0.10	6.47
Income	77.43	82.37	+ 0.19	3.10
Japan Growth	50.50	53.53	+ 0.68	
Managed	65.10	69.26	+ 0.16	2.50
Money Market	74.68	79.14	+ 0.02	4.40
North American	84.26	89.32	- 0.07	0.47
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.07	12.84	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	316.70	338.40†	- 0.40	...
European Gth Inc	421.10	453.00†	- 0.60	0.29
(Accum Units)	425.70	458.80†	- 0.60	0.29
Intl Gwth	184.60	196.60	+ 0.80	.
UK Equity Inc	173.20	184.70	+ 0.50	3.23
UK Intl Tech Inc	148.00	159.50	+ 0.60	2.81
(Accum Units)	174.90	187.30	+ 0.70	2.81
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	187.50	198.60	+ 1.20	1.53
Japan Tracker	70.30	74.46	- 0.24	.
Asian Trader	173.50	187.60	+ 2.20	0.32
Managed Inc	145.30	155.00†	+ 0.40	1.52
Deposit Inc	99.95	99.95†	.	4.96
Europa	167.70	181.20	+ 0.70	0.28
Genesis	149.20	163.70	+ 0.20	2.22
High Income	20.89	22.17†	+ 0.20	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	89.14	90.69	+ 0.44	2.52
Acumen Inc	83.42	85.27	+ 0.42	2.52
Acumen Reserve	80.93	81.74†	- 0.06	8.41
-do- Inc	69.49	70.19†	- 0.05	8.41
Americas Growth #	145.40	149.90	- 0.40	1.04
Cash Income	48.93	48.93	+ 0.01	5.48
Equity Income #	88.54	90.88†	+ 0.24	4.70
European	65.65	67.12	+ 0.13	..
Smaller Cos	74.97	78.46	- 0.68	0.99
Olympiad	59.44	60.88	+ 0.14	0.31
Global Bond	41.66	42.13	+ 0.31	8.71
UK Growth	86.85	89.02	+ 0.28	1.82
Pacific Growth	87.53	90.90	+ 0.78	...
Japan Growth	87.45	88.92	+ 0.08	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	113.57	120.82†	+ 1.03	2.98
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
061 237 5582				
UK Growth	70.08	74.56	+ 1.04	2.30
UK Income	100.42	106.84	+ 0.35	4.15
Higher Income	199.50	212.30†	+ 0.50	5.13
Smaller Cos	75.98	80.63	- 0.05	2.23
International	89.95	95.79	+ 0.25	1.73
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
071 623 4200				
American Dist	96.17	102.86†	+ 0.61	0.13
European Dist	103.00	110.20	+ 0.70	..
Far East Dist	160.60	171.10	+ 1.80	.
Global Care Dist	64.06	68.54†	.	1.17
Overs Dist	931.70	996.50	+ 8.00	0.08
(Accum Units)	£12.08	£12.93	+10.50	0.08
UK Dist	319.90	342.10	+ 1.20	2.33
(Accum Units)	627.40	671.00	+ 2.40	2.33
UK Extra Inc Dist	73.15	78.24	+ 0.22	4.49
Wwide Dist	96.74	103.47	+ 0.53	0.35
Wwide Inc Dist	65.60	70.16	+ 0.27	2.62
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 0277 690 290 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	60.24	63.56	+ 0.02	0.50
Fund of Funds Inc	54.37	57.38†	+ 0.10	0.91
North America Inc	46.51	49.08	+ 0.09	0.53
UK Equity Gth Inc	54.89	57.93	+ 0.09	2.16
(Accum Units)	58.97	60.13	+ 0.09	2.16
UK General Inc	53.78	56.74	+ 0.15	2.84
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	45.18	47.48†	+ 0.08	7.39
UK Income Inc	53.94	56.93	+ 0.12	3.16
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	215.86	228.64†	+ 0.83	3.51
Global	298.66	317.73	+ 1.39	0.13
General	172.58	183.61†	+ 0.21	1.83
Bond	109.74	116.40†	+ 0.38	6.34
Growth	116.09	123.50	+ 0.33	2.43
Ireland	108.27	112.79	..	1.80
Bridge Fund	83.26	88.58		2.23
Distributor	86.33	91.85†	+ 0.24	3.19
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	33.89	36.24	+ 0.42	..
Cash Income	50.35	50.35	+ 0.01	5.51
European Gwth	37.02	39.46	+ 0.07	0.17
Income & Gwth Inc	25.45	27.21	- 0.25	4.69
Intl Gwth	27.29	29.18	+ 0.10	0.56
Japan Gwth	24.94	26.67	- 0.01	
Managed Tst Inc	44.72	47.82	+ 0.39	2.61
Oriental Opps Inc	120.50	128.80	+ 0.30	..
Property Shares	33.65	35.20†	- 0.04	0.66
Smaller Cos	28.51	30.49	- 0.06	1.80
UK Growth Tst	24.14	25.81	+ 0.08	3.08
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	67.76	72.47	+ 0.59	1.75
Cap Hse UK Inc	82.40	88.73	+ 0.29	2.99
Exempt (R)	29.84	30.70	...	1.78
Foundation	86.77	92.80	+ 0.13	3.50
German	47.86	50.95	- 0.11	..
High Income	69.96	74.82†	+ 0.17	6.54
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	76.04	81.32	+ 0.20	4.43
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
0603 682 234				
Master Trust	114.33	121.59	+ 0.33	2.05
UK Equity	128.21	136.38	+ 0.49	3.22
UK Equity Income	121.81	129.59	+ 0.43	3.52
UK Smaller Cos	110.35	117.39†	- 0.21	1.88
UK Equity Growth	120.24	127.91	+ 0.41	2.41
UK Index Trckg	130.39	138.62	+ 0.37	3.67
Intl Index Trckg	133.02	141.51	+ 0.22	1.10
International	215.05	228.79	+ 0.67	0.43
European	184.83	196.63	- 0.02	0.20
Pan European	122.68	130.51	+ 0.21	1.37
Nth American	158.74	168.94	+ 0.44	0.24
N Amer Smlr Cos	175.40	186.60†	+ 0.06	..
Japanese	89.20	94.89†	+ 0.03	...
Pacific	204.82	217.89†	+ 2.22	0.15
South East Asian	218.84	231.98	+ 3.29	0.49
Intl Bond	123.40	131.27†	+ 0.39	4.93
Gilt & Convertible	99.81	106.10†	+ 0.21	6.34
Property	81.94	87.17†	+ 0.04	5.36
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
0256 768 888				
European Inc	246.20	264.20	- 1.40	..
(Accum Units)	260.50	279.60	- 1.50	..
Japan Inc	104.00	111.00	+ 0.40	...
Nth American Inc	102.00	109.40	+ 0.70	...
Worldwide Inc	150.30	161.80	- 0.20	0.19
Hong Kong Inc	110.20	118.30	+ 0.70	1.62
Swiss Equities Inc	63.10	67.52	- 0.17	..
Wwide Bond Inc	58.03	62.46	+ 0.02	5.15
Emging Asia Inc	193.50	209.70†	+ 2.90	...
(Accum Units)	194.30	210.58	+ 2.90	..
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.45	50.45	+ 0.01	5.25
Thailand Inc	154.10	165.60	+ 2.90	1.17
Gold Trust Inc	67.94	74.10	- 1.03	0.21
New Zealand Inc	83.60	89.29	+ 0.33	1.78
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	60.06	64.58	- 0.02	0.86
Latin Am Cap Inc	61.96	67.42†	- 0.04	0.22
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	55.00	59.02	+ 0.20	2.85
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	73.18	78.27	+ 0.21	.
Global Portfolio	65.42	69.97	+ 0.30	...
Global Opps	64.56	69.05	+ 0.37	..
Macall Global Gth	60.24	63.86	+ 0.21	.
AAM Global Equity	50.75	53.79	+ 0.14	..
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	83.13	88.42	+ 0.50	.
Temple Equity Inc	40.98	44.77†	+ 0.01	3.52
Hartley Growth	70.73	74.97	- 0.08	0.76
Intl Growth Inc	81.55	87.22	+ 0.12	0.03
PS Portfolio Inc	77.75	83.15†	+ 0.20	...
St Jms Wlth Inc Inc	45.80	47.64†	- 0.01	.
Premier Prtflo Inc	63.82	67.96†	- 0.90	1.25
Roxburgh Strat Gth	67.97	72.70	.	.
Tech Analysis	92.72	98.28	+ 0.20	.
Rosebery Growth	48.09	49.95	- 0.19	...
International Stra	72.08	77.07	+ 0.38	0.08
UFC Inc-Act Gth	50.27	54.46	+ 0.22	...
Covenlake Topaus	46.33	50.07	+ 0.20	.
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40	.	
Lowes Intl Growth	42.48	44.79	+ 0.10	0.67
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	224.90	239.20†	+ 1.20	2.60
(Accum Units)	474.70	505.00	+ 2.60	2.66
Growth	146.30	154.88	+ 0.70	2.61
Income	223.80	238.10	+ 1.20	3.94
Intl Equity	232.20	247.00	+ 1.30	7.10
(Accum Units)	258.70	273.00	+ 1.40	1.10
UK Income	61.61	65.54†	+ 0.33	3.42
UK Intl 25	74.47	79.21	+ 0.38	2.23
New Europe	74.36	79.10	+ 0.14	0.36
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
0491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	544.22	582.06	+ 3.04	0.10
(Accum Units)	544.78	582.66	+ 3.04	0.10
Income	329.87	352.81	+ 4.18	3.38
Wwide Recovery	345.65	369.68	+ 0.76	0.05
Amer Growth Inc	205.11	219.37	- 0.85	0.01
(Accum Units)	205.11	219.37	- 0.85	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	220.43	235.76	+ 0.34	0.01
Far East Grth Inc	251.15	268.61†	+ 0.08	0.23
(Accum Units)	251.15	268.61	+ 0.08	0.23
Euro Gwth Inc	133.13	142.39†	+ 2.20	0.60
(Accum Units)	133.47	142.75	+ 2.21	0.68
UK Growth Inc	84.58	88.44	+ 0.95	2.83
(Accum Units)	86.61	92.64	+ 0.97	2.83
High Income	89.38	95.58†	+ 0.81	4.21
Jap Grth Inc	208.44	222.07	- 0.05	0.01
(Accum Units)	208.44	222.07	- 0.05	0.01
PEP Growth	108.31	115.84	+ 0.51	0.63
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	108.85	114.20†	+ 0.94	0.01
(Accum Units)	108.85	114.20	+ 0.94	0.01
Amn Smlr Co Inc	120.05	128.40	+ 1.18	0.01
(Accum Units)	120.05	128.40	+ 1.18	0.01
Global Bond	52.47	55.28	+ 0.22	5.96
UK Smaller Cos Inc	77.80	83.21	+ 2.48	1.40
(Accum Units)	80.82	86.44	+ 2.57	1.40
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
081 201 3927				
American	93.14	99.08	+ 0.12	...
European	67.19	71.71	+ 0.82	...
Global	58.46	62.19	+ 0.52	..
Pacific	54.17	57.63	+ 1.07	..
UK Inc & Gth	61.47	65.39	- 0.04	1.05
PONTON YORK UT MGRS				
0533 650 540				
BW Director Dlgs	90.58	96.45	- 0.18	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
Portfolio	150.78	160.72†	...	0.15
Emerg Mkts	43.46	45.75	+ 0.13	...
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.17	60.60	+ 0.03	2.65
Growth Income	59.88	63.47	- 0.07	2.31
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	123.71	131.61	+ 0.08	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	86.11	91.80†	+ 0.66	3.78
Conv & Gilt	109.70	117.80	+ 0.20	6.21
European Income	69.27	73.70	+ 0.11	3.07
Extra Income	141.20	150.20†	+ 0.38	3.93
(Accum Units)	171.30	182.30	+ 0.50	3.93
Far East	359.20	382.10	+ 2.40	0.08
(Accum Units)	365.95	389.30	+ 2.49	0.08
Global Income	23.59	25.09†	+ 0.05	4.78
High Income	108.00	114.90	+ 0.10	3.72
(Accum Units)	128.20	136.40	+ 0.10	3.72
International	186.20	198.10	+ 0.30	0.69
(Accum Units)	191.90	204.20	+ 0.40	0.69
Pref & Fxd Int	42.58	45.30†	+ 0.07	8.09
Recovery	66.99	71.26	- 0.06	2.87
Special Sits	101.00	107.50	- 0.10	1.16
(Accum Units)	109.30	116.30	- 0.10	1.16
Technology	348.40	370.60	- 0.60	
UK Blue Chip	64.51	68.63	+ 0.29	2.73
(Accum Units)	71.58	78.12	+ 0.32	2.73
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0622 674 751				
General	48.61	51.93†	...	2.29
International	83.33	88.65	...	0.41
Gilt	23.45	24.18	...	6.77
Income & Gwth	65.55	69.73	.	5.22
European	48.57	51.67	-	0.45
American	49.64	52.81	...	...
Emerging Mkts	63.73	67.80	...	0.05
UK Smaller Cos	27.87	29.65	...	1.75
Gilt/Fixed Interest	34.25	35.80†	..	7.24
Global PEP	35.57	37.84	...	1.36
For Providence Capitol see Old Mutual				
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 588 3063				
Equity Gth	164.70	175.20	+ 0.69	1.79
European Gth	92.97	98.59	+ 0.10	0.49
Income & Gth #	126.20	134.39	+ 0.70	3.31
Japan Gth	113.90	120.90	+ 0.10	...
Nth Amer Gth	111.20	118.30	+ 0.10	0.18
Overseas Gth	82.82	88.11	+ 0.30	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
061 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490				
Managed Tst	34.30	35.54	+ 0.07	1.64
Cash Haven Inc	101.58	102.08	+ 0.01	4.97
Cash Haven Acc	111.18	111.73	+ 0.01	4.97
Dist Trust Inc	91.64	94.96†	+ 0.18	6.31
Dist Trust Acc	94.78	98.27†	+ 0.19	6.31
Global Growth	82.64	87.91†	+ 0.24	1.49
Equity Inc	77.08	81.97	+ 0.34	3.85
Equity	682.36	725.91	+ 9.30	2.46
European	199.41	209.64	+ 0.86	1.15
High Income	84.64	90.04†	+ 0.30	5.05
Intl Gth	167.70	178.40†	+ 0.50	1.80
Intl Sm Co	71.90	76.48	+ 0.11	0.46
Japanese	203.26	210.63†	- 0.81	..
Nth Amer	158.45	162.12	+ 0.72	1.80
Pacific Mkts	88.05	92.27†	+ 0.93	0.39
Premier Inc	45.79	47.65†	+ 0.07	5.00
Sm Cos	82.76	88.04	- 0.01	1.55
Spec Sits	101.40	107.87†	+ 0.17	2.27
UK Growth	114.79	122.11	+ 1.57	2.40
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS. LTD				
0892 510 033				
British Life	269.80	287.80	+ 1.38	3.33
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
091 285 2555				
Managed	89.37	94.82†	..	2.35
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	494.27	525.46	+ 2.49	0.34
FA America (Acc)	577.85	614.31	+ 2.91	0.34
FA UK Equity Inc	148.02	155.86	+ 0.78	3.72
FA Japan	240.35	255.43	- 1.57	..
FA Major UK Cos	88.21	94.11†	+ 0.59	2.43
FA Smlr UK Cos	276.42	300.26	- 0.21	1.37
FA European	298.65	315.52	+ 0.76	0.54
FA Amer Smlr Cos	41.98	44.95	+ 0.02	..
FA Asia	42.29	45.34	+ 0.58	..
FA Jap Smlr Cos	46.62	49.95	- 0.04	..
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	88.64	94.35	+ 0.59	...
UK Smlr Cos	79.36	83.52	- 0.05	...
UK Income	88.53	93.16	+ 0.46	..
America	99.16	104.37	+ 0.48	..
Japanese	52.78	55.55	- 0.35	..
European	95.40	100.41	+ 0.24	..
Gilt	84.75	89.21	+ 0.16	..
Deposit	83.22	87.60		..
Managed	91.81	96.63	+ 0.39	...
RAM PSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	87.28	91.87	+ 0.57	...
UK Smaller Cos	77.52	81.59	- 0.06	...
UK Income	86.36	90.82	+ 0.45	..
America	96.52	101.59	+ 0.48	..
Japanese	51.38	54.08	- 0.33	..
European	92.90	97.78	+ 0.23	..
Gilt	84.06	88.48	+ 0.12	..
Deposit	79.27	83.44	+ 0.01	..
Managed	86.23	90.77	+ 0.36	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000				
United States	73.89	78.87	+ 0.19	0.23
Pacific Basin	71.35	76.77	+ 0.16	
High Inc Dist	125.99	134.60	+ 0.40	5.26
Ryl Life Int Chry	63.03	65.03	+ 0.12	4.37
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	62.73	66.98	+ 0.32	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	59.14	62.90	+ 0.29	...
UK Emerging Cos	119.60	128.28	...	1.19
UK Index Trckg	152.30	162.10	- 3.70	3.53
European	121.80	131.00	+ 0.30	0.29
Managed	137.10	147.40†	+ 0.40	0.86
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0206 764 400				
American Growth	137.10	145.00†	...	0.55
European Growth	104.60	109.90	...	1.00
Far East Growth	112.30	119.50†	...	0.55
Japan Growth	125.90	133.70	...	
Special Sits	180.30	191.80	...	1.67
UK Growth	70.46	74.95†	...	2.74
Titan General	219.70	233.80	...	0.83
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	145.20	153.80	+ 0.80	0.55
Gt Euro Prog Inc	324.50	343.40	- 0.89	0.64
(Accum Units)	504.40	533.86	- 1.38	0.64
Growth Inc	125.60	132.80	- 0.28	0.64
(Accum Units)	177.60	188.00	- 0.40	0.64
International Inc	321.70	340.40	- 0.30	0.52
(Accum Units)	441.20	466.90	- 0.40	0.52
Nth Am & Intl Inc	299.60	317.00	+ 0.60	1.43
UK Gen Prog Inc	211.20	223.50	...	1.38
UK High Inc Inc	122.70	129.80	+ 0.30	3.97
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
071 330 6572				
American Gwth	60.29	66.14	+ 0.16	5.50
Amer Smlr Cos	72.58	77.15	+ 0.31	..
Asian Gwth	97.15	103.32	+ 0.96	0.75
European Gwth	62.59	66.55†	+ 0.13	1.00
Global Bd	57.22	60.50	+ 0.19	5.00
Global Eq	57.35	61.11‡	- 0.10	0.50
Japanese Eq	56.45	59.86	- 0.01	...
Japan Smr Cos	58.62	62.35	- 0.13	...
UK Gen	50.02	53.21	+ 0.24	2.80
UK Gwth	56.36	59.88†	+ 0.16	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	84.27	89.37	+ 0.39	4.39
Amer Smlr Cos	104.60	111.20	+ 0.90	...
Asian Smaller Cos	40.08	42.64	+ 0.37	..
Capital Portfolio	119.60	127.19	+ 0.20	2.02
Capital	172.10	181.60	+ 0.80	1.27
Cash	125.90	125.90†	+ 0.10	6.34
China Dragon	49.50	52.75	+ 0.75	0.93
Commodity	121.80	129.60	- 0.30	0.38
Eastern Discovery	89.10	94.79	+ 0.89	...
Emerging Mkts	35.32	37.57	+ 0.28	...
Energy Inds	112.80	120.00	+ 0.50	0.81
European Gwth	177.60	188.80	+ 0.10	...
Euro Inc & Gwth #	72.86	77.51†	+ 0.03	1.49
Euro Smlr Cos	49.78	52.98	+ 0.20	..
Extra Income #	48.52	51.11	+ 0.20	6.10
Financial Secs	188.00	200.00	+ 1.80	1.75
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.38	50.01	+ 0.01	9.06
Gold & Exploration	75.05	79.84†	- 0.58	...
High Return #	210.20	223.60†	+ 1.30	4.58
High Yield #	214.30	228.00	+ 1.39	4.10
Income #	113.40	120.60	+ 0.60	4.56
Intl Bond	157.40	168.30	+ 0.50	6.01
ITU	191.36	203.50	+ 0.28	1.62
Japan Growth	167.80	177.70	+ 0.80	...
Japan Smaller	177.20	189.50	+ 1.50	...
Korea	60.31	64.16	+ 0.81	...
Masterfund	51.99	55.31†	+ 0.19	0.82
Scotbits	282.00	300.00†	+ 3.0	1.51
Scotshares #	270.00	287.90	+ 1.90	2.64
Scotyields #	225.70	240.10	+ 1.60	3.92
Select Intl	130.70	139.00	+ 0.50	0.37
Smaller Cos Inc #	235.70	250.70	- 0.58	3.84
SE Asia	40.93	42.93	+ 0.51	...
Special Situation	117.30	124.80	+ 0.90	1.27
UK Equity #	227.70	242.20†	+ 1.00	2.80
UK Growth	80.37	84.22	+ 0.42	1.55
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	45.04	47.92	- 0.06	0.94
US Growth	138.10	146.80	+ 1.10	0.48
Univ Growth	130.70	139.00	+ 0.40	0.75
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	239.12	254.21	+ 1.36	1.08
(Accum Units)	261.17	277.66	+ 1.48	1.08
European Gwth	70.44	74.79	+ 0.67	1.32
Euro Smlr Cos	73.68	78.47†	+ 0.23	0.14
Far Eastern Gth	86.07	91.80†	+ 0.42	..
(Accum Units)	87.62	93.46	+ 0.43	
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.81	52.30	+ 0.26	8.09
Global Bond #	46.90	48.47†	+ 0.24	8.30
(Accum Units) #	51.53	53.26	+ 0.26	8.20
Global Emer Mkts	46.87	49.93	+ 0.24	..
(Accum Units)	46.81	49.93	+ 0.24	...
Income	329.15	351.09	+ 2.28	4.23
(Accum Units)	£10.25	£10.94	+ 7.12	4.23
Japan Smlr Cos	464.25	495.19†	+ 0.09	..
(Accum Units)	465.17	496.18	+ 0.09	..
Japan Enterprise	63.45	67.68	- 0.03	...
Pacific Gwth	111.85	119.09	+ 1.84	..
(Accum Units)	115.26	122.94	+ 1.99	...
Portfolio	75.31	80.33	+ 0.55	2.13
(Accum Units)	81.15	86.55	+ 0.59	2.13
Seoul	46.45	50.37	+ 0.72	..
(Accum Units)	46.45	50.37	+ 0.72	.
Smaller Cos	203.74	217.32†	+ 0.07	1.12
Tokyo	115.51	123.21	+ 0.14	...
(Accum Units)	116.68	124.45	+ 0.14	...
UK Enterprise	233.57	249.56†	+ 1.80	2.10
(Accum Units)	280.71	292.42	+ 2.16	2.10
UK Equity	223.39	238.17†	+ 2.13	2.86
(Accum Units)	433.88	462.80	+ 4.14	2.86
US Smlr Cos	151.97	162.10	+ 0.20	..
(Accum Units)	44.51	48.37	+ 0.06	0.49
Institutional Funds				
European	223.86	232.55†	+ 0.37	1.38
(Accum Units)	248.75	258.41	+ 0.41	1.38
Euro Smlr Cos	27.17	28.30	+ 0.02	1.60
(Accum Units)	28.83	30.02	+ 0.02	1.60
Global Equity Inc	72.30	75.27	+ 0.23	0.86
Japan Smlr Cos	37.12	38.66†	+ 0.16	...
(Accum Units)	37.41	38.96	+ 0.16	...
Mngd Balanced	174.79	182.07	+ 1.03	3.06
(Accum Units)	197.39	205.41	+ 1.18	3.06
Overseas Equity	173.92	181.16†	+ 0.66	0.93
(Accum Units)	180.07	187.57	+ 0.68	0.93
Overs Smlr Cos	116.53	121.38	+ 0.44	0.77
(Accum Units)	121.53	126.59	+ 0.46	0.77
Pacific	213.36	222.25	+ 3.18	1.33
(Accum Units)	232.82	242.52	+ 3.47	1.33
Recovery	£17.03	£17.74†	+ 8.22	3.06
(Accum Units)	£18.01	£18.76	+ 6.59	3.06
UK Index	144.48	150.50	+ 0.76	3.49
(Accum Units)	176.91	183.85	+ 0.93	3.49
UK Small Cos	108.64	113.16	- 0.09	2.74
(Accum Units)	115.13	119.93	- 0.09	2.74
US Smlr Cos	43.73	45.55	+ 0.05	0.46
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	47.25	50.32	+ 0.06	3.79
Equity Trust	67.13	69.84	+ 0.26	3.26
Equity Strategy	66.35	70.84	+ 0.01	1.79
European Opps	81.16	86.44	- 0.08	0.86
UK Smaller Cos	80.57	84.48	- 0.14	1.26
Maximum Inc	99.69	102.23	+ 0.01	6.45
Japanese	71.54	76.19	- 0.10	0.0
Asia Pacific	106.69	113.63	+ 0.96	1.72
American	94.54	100.69	+ 0.26	0.73
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	30.87	30.87	...	5.930
UK General Inc	48.37	51.59	+ 0.37	2.84
(Accum Units)	62.11	66.25	+ 0.42	2.84
Intl Income	251.30	267.40†	+ 0.60	1.01
(Accum Units)	431.50	459.00†	+ 1.00	1.01
European	74.96	79.41†	+ 0.27	1.47
Japan	64.59	68.47†	- 0.19	0.05
American	62.72	66.43†	+ 0.37	1.92
Far East	76.65	81.80	+ 0.96	0.76
Ethical Inc	36.11	38.06	- 0.03	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	71.27	75.55†	+ 0.24	2.59
High Inc Inc	33.76	36.01†	+ 0.15	3.44
UK Global Inc	37.55	40.02	+ 0.14	1.57
Wwide Tact	66.31	70.53†	- 0.16	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	49.81	52.98	+ 0.17	1.51
Technology	130.38	138.39†	- 0.11	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
031 225 2211				
UK Equity	357.10	381.60	+ 1.10	3.04
American	238.25	253.96	+ 1.38	0.62
Pacific	340.10	363.73	+ 1.45	0.80
European	513.20	545.30	+ 0.30	1.32
Worldwide	79.40	85.60	+ 0.13	0.67
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	252.60	268.80†	+ 1.30	2.25
(Accum Units)	312.50	332.30†	+ 1.30	2.25
UK Sit Co Eq Inc	187.90	199.90†		2.33
(Accum Units)	224.10	238.50†		2.33
Select Opprtny Inc	62.54	66.65	+ 0.79	1.57
Income Plus Inc	66.51	70.87	+ 0.75	4.28
European Inc	325.20	346.00	+ 0.60	0.45
(Accum Units)	337.40	350.50	+ 0.60	0.45
Far Eastern Inc	150.00	162.90	+ 1.00	0.80
(Accum Units)	175.20	186.40	- 1.60	0.80
Japanese Inc	57.96	61.67	- 0.07	.
Nth American Inc	225.80	240.00	+ 0.80	0.81
(Accum Units)	248.40	264.30	+ 0.90	0.81
Intl Growth Inc	185.90	197.20†	+ 0.80	0.66
Wwide Venture Inc	73.90	78.63	- 0.22	0.79
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
031 655 3724				
Equity Inc	339.00	361.50	+ 0.88	2.94
(Accum Units)	497.20	530.20	+ 1.20	2.94
UK High Inc	171.10	182.50	+ 0.40	3.94
(Accum Units)	247.00	262.40	+ 0.50	3.94
Europe Inc	344.00	366.90	+ 0.60	0.24
Nth Amer Inc	201.70	215.10	+ 0.30	0.07
Global Inc	188.80	201.30	- 0.50	0.26
UK Spec Sits Inc	90.93	96.97	- 0.28	3.17
South East Asia	196.50	209.50	- 0.10	0.94
Cash Trust Inc	100.60	100.60	.	5.31
UK Smllr Cos Inc	97.78	103.80	- 0.30	2.09
(Accum Units)	98.71	105.30	- 0.30	2.09
Intl Bond Inc	86.11	91.42	+ 0.10	6.26
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	142.60	149.89	.	4.45
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	118.80	124.20	+ 3.40	0.92
Nth American	97.28	102.40	+ 0.30	0.0
Intl Bond & Curr	117.60	123.80	+ 0.39	4.50
Pooled Pension (R)	171.80	184.70	.	2.34
Smaller Cos	70.05	73.74	+ 5.02	1.44
UK General	120.78	127.10	- 0.80	2.16
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fnd‡	95.72	...	- 0.02	.
Attack‡	77.67	...	+ 1.53	.
European‡	117.60	...	+ 0.69	
Global Bond‡	92.73	...	- 0.16	7.75
Samurai‡	72.30	...	- 0.76	..
UK Growth‡	97.87	...	+ 0.17	2.80
Tai Pan‡	93.33	...	- 0.07	
UK Emerg Leaders‡	98.04	...	+ 0.16	1.45
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
071 637 5377				
American	287.30	303.90†	+ 3.60	0.11
Canadian	60.83	64.43	- 0.44	0.96
Capital	114.30	122.58	- 0.70	1.51
Cash	101.33	101.33	+ 0.01	5.78
European	126.90	134.20	- 0.20	0.64
Far Eastern	139.28	147.30	+ 1.59	.
Growth	124.60	131.80†	+ 0.40	1.28
Income	122.80	129.90	+ 1.80	5.89
Magnum	122.80	131.40	- 0.66	1.49
Smllr Sccs	359.60	380.50	- 0.20	1.61
Thoroughbred	142.60	153.60†	+ 0.70	1.36
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0202 298 422				
Cash	50.01	50.51	+ 0.01	5.00
Capital Ptfolio	53.68	57.26	+ 0.04	0.78
Ethical	52.24	55.57	+ 0.06	3.69
European Growth	69.62	74.26	.	2.90
Income	51.48	54.91	+ 0.17	6.49
Intl Growth	93.87	100.10	+ 0.40	3.69
Managed	78.18	83.39	+ 0.23	3.80
UK Growth	57.86	61.72	+ 0.21	3.60
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngrs Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	36.48	38.67	+ 0.20	1.85
Global Advtg Acc	38.83	41.23	+ 0.28	1.85
Income Advtg Inc	30.22	32.04†	+ 0.20	4.20
Income Advtg Acc	33.17	35.17	+ 0.20	4.20
UK Equity Gth Acc	60.71	64.36		1.28
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	47.20	50.15	+ 0.38	1.60
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	33.83	35.95	+ 0.10	4.21
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	41.91	44.53	+ 0.10	4.21
UK Equity Gen Acc	58.27	61.95	+ 0.20	2.45
UK Equity Gen Inc	43.08	45.76	+ 0.10	2.45
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.58	31.29		6.37
Overs Unq Cs Acc	288.30	312.90	+ 2.28	1.56
Nth American Acc	42.05	44.68	+ 0.30	0.94
Far East Acc	61.41	65.25	+ 1.10	0.25
European Acc	49.33	52.42	- 0.10	0.83
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
071 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	3.574	3.792		0.56
US Eqts (US$)	2.328	2.471		0.70
Far East Eqts (yen)	220.90	234.70	..	..
Japan Eqties (yen)	231.30	245.60		
FT Europa	118.50	125.60	...	1.58
FT N Amer (US$)	1.772	1.873	...	0.95
FT Japan (yen)	211.40	224.60		..
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.153	2.287	.	1.86
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 226 3271				
American	347.75	370.30		
British #	958.40	£10.11	- 4.38	4.27
Emrging Mkts	134.70	143.50	+ 0.86	...
European	494.60	529.60	- 3.90	0.59
Japan	141.20	149.90		
New Pacific	345.30	369.80	+ 3.46	0.36
(Accum Units)	363.90	389.80	+ 3.68	0.36
Inv Trust Acc	238.50	253.90	- 0.10	1.08
Mngd Equity	163.30	172.80	- 0.28	1.46
Mngd Cash	95.61	95.61	+ 0.01	5.19
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	770.40	824.08†	+ 2.70	3.16
North America	117.19	125.28†	+ 0.90	1.12
Far East	129.30	138.30†	+ 0.89	0.38
Wwide Bond	54.13	57.46	+ 0.09	6.51
Europe	97.76	104.80	- 0.50	0.08
Equity Income	84.59	90.47†	+ 0.37	4.22
Portfolio	79.26	84.77	+ 0.37	1.24
UK Leading Cos	56.73	60.35	+ 0.26	3.22
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	82.37	86.71	+ 0.05	.
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
American Growth	32.07	34.30	+ 0.18	0.84
Managed Assets	118.95	127.22†	+ 0.58	2.80
UK Income	38.09	40.74	+ 0.20	3.41
UK Growth	36.68	39.23	+ 0.35	2.58
Worldwide Growth	32.94	35.23	+ 0.35	0.89
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	45.63	48.54	+ 0.04	..
Cap Protector Inc	40.31	43.11	+ 0.17	2.88
UK Income Inc	47.63	50.94†	+ 0.32	3.16
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	31.47	33.66†	+ 0.07	9.87
Mngd High Yld Inc	75.49	80.74	- 0.05	4.22
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	70.25	75.13	+ 0.36	3.35
UK Smaller Cos	32.46	34.72		1.90
Pacific Gth Port	41.18	44.04	+ 0.51	0.38
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
0264 346 794				
American	194.39	205.69	+ 0.46	..
(Accum Units)	214.10	226.56	+ 0.51	...
Brit Growth	89.94	95.17	+ 0.26	2.25
(Accum Units)	108.23	114.53	+ 0.32	2.25
European	98.60	104.39	- 0.04	0.65
(Accum Units)	104.65	110.95	- 0.03	0.65
Extra Income	183.24	193.91	+ 0.41	4.47
(Accum Units)	310.94	329.04	+ 0.70	4.47
Smaller Cos	67.80	71.75	- 0.02	1.69
(Accum Units)	76.05	80.48	- 0.03	1.69
General	261.80	277.03†	+ 0.89	2.52
(Accum Units)	541.96	573.50	+ 1.86	2.52
[illegible]	47.06	49.02†	+ 0.15	6.54
(Accum Units)	107.62	112.00†	+ 0.35	6.54
Income	313.54	331.79	+ 0.89	4.14
(Accum Units)	687.48	727.49	+ 1.95	4.14
Pacific	373.84	395.60	+ 3.49	...
(Accum Units)	392.81	415.67	+ 3.65	...
International	494.16	522.93	+ 2.21	0.39
(Accum Units)	649.79	687.81	+ 2.90	0.39
Nat Resources	149.81	158.53	+ 0.40	
Spcl Opps	100.01	105.83	+ 0.32	1.47
(Accum Units)	127.31	134.72	+ 0.40	1.47
Environmental Inv	59.70	63.27	+ 0.24	2.07
Selector	58.64	62.06	+ 0.15	2.38
(Accum Units)	66.15	70.00	+ 0.17	2.38
High Income	60.79	64.24†	+ 0.23	4.91
(Accum Units)	77.33	81.84†	+ 0.23	4.91
Intl Income	55.62	58.85	+ 0.17	5.18
(Accum Units)	68.38	72.36	+ 0.22	5.18
Selector Income	57.84	61.21	+ 0.18	5.01
(Accum Units)	67.93	71.88	+ 0.20	5.01
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
061 667 1018				
British	309.20	325.40	+ 1.00	2.87
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	195.62	208.43†	+ 0.83	1.42
Glob Select Inc	166.41	177.97	+ 0.53	3.12
Value Tst Inc	114.72	122.68	+ 0.35	1.50
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	39.35	41.31	- 0.09	6.30
European Growth	257.68	273.42	- 0.34	0.58
Exempt	501.07	523.23†	+ 2.78	3.79
Global Em Mkts	79.82	85.14	+ 0.33	0.69
Japan Tst	73.80	78.38	+ 0.07	..
Little Dragons	78.03	83.23	+ 1.20	
Nth Amer Gwth	217.85	232.05†	+ 1.53	0.70
Oriental Income	41.33	44.06	+ 0.37	1.58
Preference	124.38	133.02	- 0.01	8.80
Tiges	240.97	257.83	+ 3.56	..
(Accum Units)	253.18	270.03	+ 3.72	..
UK Blue Chip	58.23	62.07†	+ 0.24	3.38
UK Growth	478.10	509.19†	+ 1.60	2.38
UK High Yield	98.58	103.29†	+ 0.17	3.70
(Accum Units)	313.37	335.15†	+ 0.52	3.70
UK Mid-Cap	241.38	258.13	- 0.08	2.10
UK Smlr Cos	97.38	104.16	- 0.07	1.19
UK Smlr Cos Div	87.25	93.31†	- 0.21	5.20
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
0277 690 325				
UK Equity Income	93.59	99.50	+ 0.18	3.24
UK Equity Growth	83.19	88.50	+ 0.14	2.47
European	65.94	70.15	+ 0.19	0.93
Nth American	65.65	69.84	+ 0.29	1.83
Far Eastern	66.94	71.21†	- 0.13	0.88
Money	87.08	87.08†	...	4.03
Fixed Interest	69.89	74.35	+ 0.03	6.60
Index Linked Gilt	84.16	89.25	+ 0.11	1.35
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	28.53	30.22	+ 0.11	.
Pacific Basin	41.92	44.59	+ 0.23	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.85	0.88	- 0.00	..
Penny Share	32.81	34.69	- 0.01	..
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 600 0492				
Challenger	92.34	94.49	+ 0.33	
Short Dtd Gilt	109.76	111.26	+ 0.19	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	+ 0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	48.69	50.57†	+ 0.10	7.75
Gilt Growth	69.35	71.14	+ 0.25	.
City Reserve	51.96	51.97†	+ 0.01	5.62
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
081 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	47.62	50.80	...	1.28
UK Stockmarket	74.15	78.87	+ 0.07	2.67

Source: Reuters

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; @ Exit Charge

Gains across the board

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	428	+ 6	4.6	14.3
314	233	Allied Irish	261	+ 3	4.8	10.0
278¾	171	Aus New Z	186		6.1	*
3300	2482½	Bank America	2882½	+ 31¼	...	...
247	172½	Bank Scotland	211	+ 5	3.1	11.9
540	487	Barclays	584	+ 16	3.6	14.3
319	245	Bk of Ireland	305	+ 5	4.7	8.8
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2575	+ 82½	...	...
285¼	203	Close Bros	228	+ 2	4.2	10.1
£150¼	£121¼	Commerzbk	£130¾	- 4¾	6.3	...
1296¾	983¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1029½	- 9¾	0.5	...
£346¾	£270¾	Deutsche Bk	£288¼	- 18¾	2.4	...
1315¼	745¾	Espirito Santo	753½	...	5.0	3.8
90	57	First Nat Fin	65		2.8	*
1548¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1207½	- 10	0.4	*
473	209	Hambros	243	- 1	7.7	14.9
1113	589	HSBC	625		4.9	9.0
1133	578	HSBC (HK	614		5.0	8.9
443	303	Joseph (L)	393		5.6	11.4
683	424	Kleinwort Ben	601	+ 2	4.0	10.8
680	519	Lloyds	554	+ 1	5.2	10.9
820¼	472	Nat Aust Bk	505		7.0	*
622	421	Nat West	488	+ 11	4.9	8.6
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150	...	0.8	*
78	53	Rea Bros	65		1.8	18.5
528	373½	Ryl Bk Scott	380	- 3	4.4	9.4
1574	1050	Schroders	1440	+ 45	1.6	13.2
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1290	+ 35	1.8	17.9
114	75	Singer & Fried	85		4.6	10.9
359¼	223	Stand Chart	262	- 3	3.0	8.8
291	197	TSB	242	- 6	4.8	*
1012	560	[illegible]	747	- 7	3.7	13.7
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo†	9150	+ 75	3.2	...
260	194	Westpac	215¼	- ½	2.5	*
390	203	[illegible]	215	...	8.0	14.4

BREWERIES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	150	Ascot Hldgs	154			
619	485	Bass†	517	- 5	6.1	12.8
280	246	Boddington	260	...	4.2	13.5
196	168	Burtonwd Brwt	173	...	3.7	14.5
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'†	158	+ 1	3.2	*
85	46¾	Fosters Brewing	54	...	5.5	*
483	342	Fullr Sm 'A'	353	...	2.8	14.8
511	389	Greenalls Grp†	425	+ 1	3.9	21.1
584	452	Greene King†	529	- 1	3.1	14.2
267	239	Hardy Hansn†	258	...	4.6	
170	135	Heavitree	150	...	3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Hall J	3420	...	1.8	18.8
247	195	Mansfield	247	...	2.4	15.1
314	258	Marston Thmp	299	...	2.5	14.5
545	449	Morland†	483	+ 3	2.8	13.9
10¾	6½	Paramount	7	...	3.6	...
329	208	Regent Inns	322	...	2.1	24.7
1665¼	1000	SA Breweries	1369¾	+ 3¼	2.1	21.5
591	477	Scot & Newt	586	...	4.3	14.5
308	215	Vaux Group†	225	- 1	5.5	12.7
491	324¾	Wetherspoon JD	487	...	1.8	25.7
617	494	Whitbread†	555	+ 7	3.4	15.4
580	483	Wolvrhmptn D	505	- 2	3.4	13.3
208	148	Yates Brost	186	...	2.4	15.4
535	458	Young 'A'	458	- 2	4.1	19.4

DISTRIBUTORS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	99	ABI Leisr	99	- 2	5.1	11.4
817	248	Acatt	309	...	2.8	16.7
585	253	Adam & Harvey	585	...	3.3	7.5
31	21	Alexanders	21	...	3.0	19.5
175	107	Appleyard	107	- 4	5.8	18.9
6	3¼	Ass Br Eng	4¼	...	1.3	39.9
678	495	BSS Group	528	...	4.4	18.4
25½	17	Bearing Power†	22½	...	5.6	11.5
405	249	Blakeley Mtr	253	- 2	5.2	10.4
40	28	Bogod 'A'†	28	...	3.1	11.8
370	289	Brammer	347	...	4.7	18.3
31	15	Bridgend Gp	15	...	1.7	78.0
99	78	Brit Fittings	94	...	3.0	...
71	40	Brown & Tawse	45	...		
57	35	[illegible]	38	...	6.3	*
465	245	Cattles	353	- 5	5.5	43.2
59	20½	Central Pkt	21½	...	8.4	11.9
150	78	Central Mtr	78	...	4.5	*
51	32½	Cook (DC)	41	...	3.5	12.6
342¼	197½	Cowie	226	- 2	5.0	11.2
192¾	127	Dag Motors	138	...	5.9	15.9
883	448	[illegible]	593	...	1.4	14.7
625	414¾	Diploma	444	...	3.8	15.6
589	443	Electrocomponts	484	- 1	2.6	19.8
175	135	Electron House	163	- 2	2.7	13.7
283	225	Ellis & Everard	255	...	3.8	18.9
294	201	EuroDollar	201	...	5.3	15.7
173	108	European Mtr	110	...	5.1	12.0
538¼	383	Evans Halshaw	383	- 2	4.6	12.0
658	490½	Farnell Elect	538	+ 1	1.9	22.0
78	50	File Indexing	55	...	8.2	8.1
54	15	Gardiner	15	...	8.2	7.1
45	19	Gestetner	21½	...	...	23.7
90	60	Gowrings	71	...	4.5	21.5
78	69	Hallin Hldgs	70	...	...	54.8
172	122	Harris (Philip)	171	...	5.0	15.0
842¾	262	Hartlys	262	...	3.8	14.0
197	88	Holders Tech	97	+ 3	7.7	10.5
136	107	ISA Intl	107	...	2.9	13.4
809	311	Inchcape	311	- 82	6.8	18.3
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	55	+ 2	...	12.7
184	145	Keith-Fit	158	...	3.2	17.9
373	297	Lex Service	298	- 18	5.7	11.3
282	182	Lookers	186	- 8	6.2	*
20	14	Malaya Gp	14½	- ½	2.2	...
9	3½	Middlesex ©	7			
440	279	Norbain	400	...	0.7	17.8
190	47	Northamber†	91	...	1.8	38.6
175	152	PCT	152	...	6.1	14.7
310	232	Pendragon	237	- 3	4.0	15.6
238	133	Perry Gp	133	- 6	6.6	7.3
218	126	Quicks Group	126	...	5.2	13.3
165	97	REA	165	...	4.5	34.1
5¾	2¾	Reece	2¾	...		
24	4	Ross Gp	5¾	...	4.5	...
42	32½	SEP Indl	39½	...	3.4	*
44	31	TLS Range	43	...	2.9	17.3
385	215	Time Products	227	...	4.8	15.3
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	158	...	3.9	12.4
335	240	Wholesale Ftgs	240	...	6.1	21.4
30½	13½	Willis Gp	17	...	3.7	9.5
74½	30¼	Wilshaw†	70	...	1.2	28.6
69	40	Wyko†	61	...	2.0	*
98	61	Young (H)	77	...	5.8	*

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	113	Hend Highr	114½	+ ½	6.2	...
299	257	Hend Strat†	265	...	0.2	...
105	86	Herald	87	+ 1	...	...
116	88½	HTR Jap Smaller	92	+ 1	0.5	...
27	13	I&S Ent	15	...	...	...
119	94	I&S UK Smllr	97	...	3.8	...
129	124	Inv Cap	125	+ ½	5.2	...
99	66	Intl Biotech	66	...	...	...
50	38	Intl Wts	31	...	...	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	132	...	...	...
122	88½	J Fry 2nd U	91	- 1	8.8	...
100	83	J Fry Euro U	93	...	6.5	...
255	187	JF Fledg Jap	196	...	...	...
121	101	Jupiter Intl Gn	101	..	4.2	...
243	194	Klnwt Chd	197½	+ 1	3.3	*
149	100	Klnwt E Mkt	103	...	...	...

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
250	135¾	Bluebird Toys	212	+ 1	3.5	6.3
365	231	Boosey Hwks	336		1.9	19.8
7¾	2¾	Brent Walker	3			
209	100	Bristol Scots	183	...	2.0	..
7¼	1¾	Buckingham Intl	2¼	...	...	
256	114	Chrysalis	256	...	1.6	37.8
94	74	City Centre Rest	77	- 1	2.9	15.6
374	305	Compass Gp	320	- 3	2.7	16.4
290	232	Eurocamp	254	- 1	5.3	15.3
213	78	Euro Disney	146	+ 13		
4	2	Euro Leisure	2½			
455	308	Fairline Boats	448	...	4.4	30.2
131	81	First Choice	118	- 2	4.2	*
350	245	First Leisure	289	+ 2	3.1	18.1
285	209¾	Forte	237	+ 3	4.0	28.1
287	180	Friendly Hotels	180	...	4.5	25.8

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
124	105	Klnwt End	118	+ 1	...	...
89½	73	Klnwt Euro Prvt†	74½	+ 1	1.9	*
40	22¾	Klnwt Euro Wts	23¾	+ ½	...	...
116	79	Klnwt H Inc	81	...	11.8	..
272½	220	Klnwt O'seas	221	+ 1	1.9	..

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
79	49	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	
598	475	Granada†	482	+ 1	2.6	14.4
98	34	Hi-Tec Sports	35		0.9	5.1
216	118	Hornby	119		9.5	10.4
173¼	142¾	Jarvis Hotel	163¾	+ ¼	4.2	14.7

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
227	180	Majedie	194½	...	3.4	...
67	44	[illegible]	55			
334	237	Merchants†	252	+ 1	5.6	...
90	79¼	Mercury Euro Pv	80½	- ¼	0.9	...
45	25½	Mercury Eur Wt	28			...
125	88	Mercury World	89½	+ ½		...
52½	33	Mercury Wld Wts	23½	...		...
585	482	Monks Inv Tst	490	+ 3	1.8	...
158	128	Morg Gren Inc	134	+ 1	4.5	...
64	39	Morg Wts	42		...	...
111	80	Morg Lat Amer	70½	- ½	...	...
65	33	Morg Wts	37		...	...
146	104	Murray Eur†	106		2.5	
92	79	Murray Eng Eco	81		...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	57½	...	0.6	...
393	308	Murray Income†	315	+ 2	4.7	...

MEDIA

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	339	...	2.2	30.7
355	198	Adscene	305	..	2.7	21.8
33	17½	Aegis Gp	27	...	...	...
11¾	5½	Allied Radio	6¼	...	...	
28	13	BBB Design	13	..	..	35.9
235	155	Barbour Index	184	...	6.0	16.2
13½	5½	[illegible]	5¾	...		
345	320	Black (A&C)	320		5.3	11.6
402	178	Blenheim Gp	183	- 4	7.1	8.8
205	133	Border TV†	202	+ 1	2.7	17.7
413	353	Bristol†	354	..	4.4	38.0
259	245	B Sky B	254½	+ 2½	..	47.9

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	116	[illegible]	#116			
4237½	3431¼	Total	3596¾	+ 131¼	5.0	*
19	9½	Villers Grp	9½		...	...
245	178¼	Woodside	235		1.6	
110	28	XCL	45			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	75	BWD	77		6.8	6.3
130	96	Baltic Plc	127	..	2.0	8.0
185	73	Berry Bch Mkt	78		8.4	71.5
275	150	Bisley Inv	151	...	...	...
154	108	Brewin Dolphin	118		6.1	8.7
757	620	Caledonia	642		3.2	17.5
2650	1900	Camellia	2250	+180	1.8	8.0
22½	18½	Carlisle	18½	...	1.7	
630¼	440	Cater Allen	441	+ 1	8.0	9.1
174¾	135	Cattles	140	..	4.4	16.7
85	33	[illegible]	33	..		72.9
15	12	EFG	14	...	0.9	9.1
71¼	45½	EFT Group	63	..	3.5	13.3
740	513	EFM	714	- 1	4.2	21.4
212	168	Exco	174	+ 3	8.1	4.8
229	157	Gartmore	179½	..	2.8	20.7
515	395	Gerrard Nat	475		6.3	13.7
465	333	Govett	341	- 26	5.3	5.7
1208	845	Henderson Ad	1070	+ 2	5.3	14.8
251½	151	Invesco	169		2.8	27.7
50	37	Investment Co†	45	+ 1	4.9	14.4
250	185	Ivory Sime†	215		4.4	16.7
317	193½	Jardine Strat	302½	- 1¼	4.1	8.2
428	103	Johnson Fry	118	- 7	1.6	3.7
170	98	King Shaxson	97		11.6	8.6
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	140	- 5	8.3	8.7
124	95	Lon Scot Bk	123	...	4.3	*
1243	794	M & G	976	+ 2	3.8	17.1
323	218	MIM	234	- 9	4.2	12.7
117½	85½	MIM 5.9% Cv Pf	92½			
807	538	MAM	793	+ 6	3.6	18.5
25¼	8½	Nat Home Loan	12	...	...	*
1268	970	Perpetual	1243	+ 3	3.5	13.5
573	415	Provident	518	- 5	4.3	16.5
365	245	Rathbone Brs	249	..	4.3	12.3
29	21½	Rutland Tst	25		4.5	12.7
369	281¾	S & U	292	- 3	4.7	9.5
425	163	Sharelink	169	...	6.7	6.3
188	106	SJP Capital	114	- 1	3.3	8.1
496	324	Smith New Crt	449	+ 9	2.8	5.2
604	305¼	Swire Pacfc 'A'	331½	+ 1¼	2.8	*
224	76	Towry Law	77	..	7.3	6.6
65	23	Trio Hldgs‡	24	...	0.5	10.9
199	87	Union	89		6.3	8.2
31	20	Western Selection	24		1.3	..

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
675	311½	Brit Biotech	530		..	..
498	318	Cantab Pharms	318	- 2		
243	191	Celltech	236	...		
151	88	Chiroscience	112	..		
47	37	Cortecs	37	..		
157	109	Fisons	107	- 1	3.2	
725	520	Glaxo	616	+ 16	5.5	14.9
185	95½	Grampian Hdg	107		6.4	19.8
187	120	Medeva	172	+ 1	2.1	13.8
3	1¼	Premier Health	1½	...		
330	227	Quality Care†	290	..	2.2	*
327	242	Scotia	327	+ 1	..	..
83	44	Shield Diag	56	...		
476	357½	SmithKline	450	- 1	3.4	17.5
446	322	Smithkline Uts	421	- 2	3.7	16.4
986½	438	Wellcome	986	+ 32	2.2	22.4
934	672	Zeneca	886	+ 7	3.9	17.8

PRINTING & PAPER

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	122	AG Holdings	137	+ 1	5.4	12.0

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
11¼	7½	DRG Gp	9			
284	135	Essex Furn	135	- 2	4.0	16.9
326	200	Etam	291	- 1	4.8	11.1
568	345	Fine Art Dev	345		5.3	10.7
68	46	Fired Earth	63			...
106	71	Flying Flowers	84		1.6	18.2
278	124	French Conn	272			11.5
264	205	Frost Group	211	- 4	3.2	21.3
66	49	Gieves	56	...	3.3	20.0
136	85	Goldsmiths Gp	128	- 3	1.9	23.0
653	493	GUS†	518	- 2	3.3	14.8
196	164	Hamleys	191	..	3.1	18.4
36	21	Hampden Gp	33	..	3.8	
227	161	Hse of Fraser	162½	..	3.8	14.6
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	82		3.9	13.5
253	228	JJB Sports	253	...	3.0	15.5
778	387	Kingfisher	389		4.8	19.2
278	100	Kwiksave†	109		1.7	*
435	263	Liberty	270		2.2	
380	277	Lloyds Chem	288	- 2	4.1	9.3
184	117	MFI†	129		4.0	16.1
460¼	368½	Marks Spencer	374¼	- 5½	3.2	16.6
680	495	Menzies (John)	512	- 2	3.0	12.0
377	238	Moss Bros	351		3.0	13.9
275	214	Next	254	- 1	3.3	15.8
59	20	OEM	31			
97	39	Oliver (G)	94			29.1
113	73	Partridge Fine	89	+ 1	4.1	12.0
37	10	Pentos	12			
298	138	QS Hldgs	138	..	4.7	15.1
62	14	Rhino Grp	14		4.5	13.3
209	130	Rosebys	130	...	4.8	15.2
132	98½	Sears	99		4.7	16.8
46	16½	Signet Group	18½			6.7
549	426	Smith WH	429	- 1	4.6	27.8
1360	688	Sotheby's	708		3.9	30.6
252	189	Storehouse†	219	- 4	3.3	18.0
206	151¼	Stylo	195	- 5	1.7	13.2
198	146	T & S Stores	159		4.9	11.3
173	111	Tie Rack	171		2.0	13.2
6¾	3½	Upton & South	3¼	...		
539	384	Vendome†	458		2.1	35.2
70	28	WEW Group	32		2.7	27.1
92½	52	Wld of Leather	67		1.1	..
195	138	Wyevale	156		3.7	16.5

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	507	Allied Domecq†	510	- 3	5.6	13.8
459	358	Bulmer (HP)†	393		3.5	21.2
140	105	Burn Stewart	120	...	5.2	28.4
506	352	Grand Metr	365	+ 10	4.8	17.1
542	409½	Guinness	412	+ 1	4.0	13.6
457	353	Highland Distl	409		2.2	18.7
222	127	Macallan-Glen	214		0.7	56.1
710	365	Marstn Mdn 'A'	690	- 5	1.8	29.7
614	515	Matthew Clark†	541	..	4.3	24.8
250	61	Merrydown W	71	...	4.4	...
190	142	Taunton Cider†	146		5.8	11.3

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	91	ACT Group	92		7.1	9.7
743	583	ADT	628	- 7	..	..
45	34	Alphameric	40			30.5
140	59	Auto Sec	70			9.1
162	99	BET Ord	102½	- 1½	4.2	14.6
195	115	BNB Res	171	- 1	3.7	30.0

TRANSPORT

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
244	156	GRT Bust	244	+ 4	1.9	18.9
172	113	Go-Ahead	165	+ 1	3.0	20.9
222	135	Goode Durrant	212	..	3.7	16.6
155	126½	IoM Steam	133	...	4.1	10.1
71	39	Jacobs (JI)	64		3.2	..
111	70	Lon O'Seas Frts	75	+ 1	6.3	1.8
534	380	Mersey Docks	380	- 9	3.3	17.4
291	145	NFC†	165	+ 1	5.4	16.9
347	245	Natl Express	317		3.0	18.3
348	244	Ocean Group	293	.	6.1	14.8
91	58	Ocean Wilson	70	...	5.7	10.1
743	557½	P & O Dfd	506	+ 6	6.7	17.5
209	153	P & O 5.5%	172	- 2	4.0	.
102	84	Seacon	92		3.3	*
232	158	Stagecoach†	225		2.4	22.4
131	85½	TNT	98	- 1	..	..
915	685	Tibbet & Britn	685	- 3	2.7	17.5
327	191	TDG	188	- 1	6.0	13.4
136	98	Uplease†	115	.	2.6	*
160	75	Utd Carriers	95	...	2.1	..

WATER

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian†	478	.	6.1	10.8
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	325	+ 2	4.5	11.0
611	454	North West†	495	- 5	6.0	7.2
751	508	Northumbrian	688	- 1	4.6	7.4
645	457	Severn Trent†	490	- 3	5.9	8.9
1695	1525	South Staffs	1685	.	3.6	17.4
875	459	South West†	490	..	6.8	7.1
682	465	Southern†	536	...	5.6	7.7
611	434½	Thames†	467	- 2	6.2	7.0
744	546	Welsh†	588	- 4	5.6	6.5
379¼	261	Wessex†	277	- 1	5.5	7.2
690	458	Yorkshire†	490	+ 2	6.0	7.2

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	99	...	3.02	5.96
107	101	Exch 10¼% 1995	101	..	10.07	6.78
113	104	Treas 12¾% 1995	104	..	12.19	6.88
117	106	Treas 14% 1996	106	- ⅛	13.15	7.12
121	109	Treas 15¼% 1996	109	...	13.95	7.42
117	106	Exch 13¼% 1996	106		12.39	7.57
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103	...	9.88	7.93
100	96	Treas 7% 1997	97 †	+ ⅛	7.19	8.16
121	108	Treas 13¼% 1997	108		12.13	8.09
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104 †		10.06	8.14
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100 †		8.67	8.34
131	115	Exch 15% 1997	115	...	12.97	8.46
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103		9.48	8.53
100	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96		7.51	8.52
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95		7.11	8.52
131	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	114		12.18	8.69
140	121	Treas 15½% 1998	121		12.78	8.59
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	110		10.86	8.67
116	102	Treas 9½% 1999	102		9.34	8.63
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112		10.93	8.72
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	106		9.88	8.89
101	89	Treas 6% 1999	90 †		6.65	8.63
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	105		9.88	8.72

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
110	98	Conv 9% 2000	101 †		8.89	8.86
98	95	Treas 8% 2000	97		8.24	8.59
135	116	Treas 13% 2000	117		11.12	8.77
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	105 †		9.48	8.80
100	89	Treas 7% 2001	91		7.67	8.69
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	104 †		9.20	8.82
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	95		8.37	8.73
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	106		9.35	8.81
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111		10.29	8.95
88	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73		4.74	7.38
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	104		9.07	8.75
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	87		7.72	8.66
109	97	Treas 8½% 2005	98		8.58	8.83
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	105		9.04	8.72
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120		10.35	9.00
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	93		8.30	8.65
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	94		8.43	8.70
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115		10.21	9.09
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	98		8.60	8.85
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127		10.60	9.02
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	102		8.76	8.64
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	94		8.45	8.63

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
98	77	Treas 6¼% 2010	80		7.77	8.51
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	103		8.70	8.60
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	103 †		8.68	8.59
99	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73		7.45	8.35
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	94		8.43	8.53
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92 †		8.36	8.54
126	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	102 †		8.55	8.51
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	129		9.25	8.74

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1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	38	War Ln 3½%	41		8.52	
37	27	Treas 2½%	28		8.68	

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203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	202		2.39	4.01
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173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162		3.58	3.84
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108		3.60	3.94
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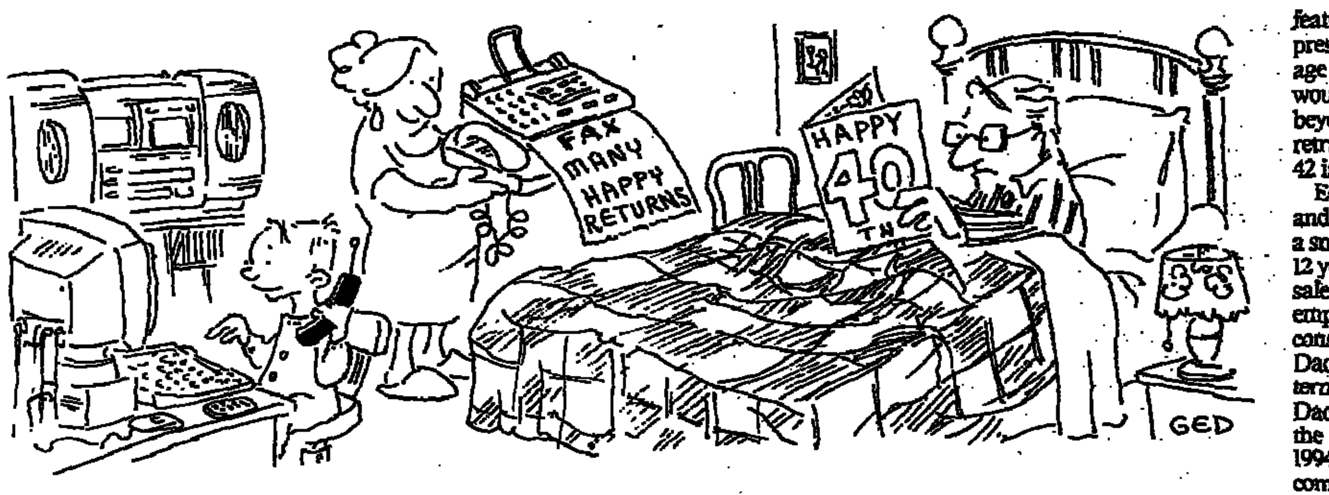

Are some people too old to learn? Many employers in the industry seem to think so, says **Sean Hallahan**, although not in all parts of the country

Staff recruitment for information technology shows every sign of picking up, but if you are over 40 years old the prospects for continued employment are not rosy. A survey of members of the Computing Services and Software Association late last year showed that recruitment had risen by 14 per cent in the third quarter of 1994. The figures were seen as suggesting that the fortunes of the information technology industry and its staff could return to a level not seen since the boom days of 1989.

But Rob Wirszycz, the association's marketing director, warns veterans in IT that they can no longer rely on experience alone to carry them through. "I have been asked about the issue and have conducted a random poll of some of our members," he says. "What emerges is that the day of the generalist is over. Employees need to be able to understand the new technologies of client-server computing, business-process re-engineering and object orientation. Unfortunately, the belief is that most people over 40 are not able to cope with these issues."

Even more gloomily for many, Mr Wirszycz says that pay rates within the industry are down and that "expectations of people over 40 of a continually expanding salary need to be adjusted."

Microsoft is the classical young IT company — epitomised by its chairman and founder, Bill Gates, who is invariably described as "youthful" despite being near 40. In Britain, Microsoft employs almost 400 people with an average age of 29. Five years ago, the Microsoft employees were between 25 and 26. Like most IT companies, Microsoft has no formal age qualifications for employment, but the tendency of all the big personal computer companies in the past has been to employ younger staff rather than older people.

Yet as the company's business changes because of the use of open systems and a growing reliance of businesses on operating systems such as Windows and Windows NT, Microsoft is finding it needs skills in areas such as project management and systems integration that are beyond a graduate recruit's knowledge.

Laurie Boyall, the managing director of McGregor Boyall, a recruitment consultancy, has identified a growing demand for skills that can be supplied only by experienced IT staff, which almost inevitably means older people. "A lot of systems have been put in recently especially in the City, where we operate," he says. "They are very powerful, and useful, if one knows how to use them. The people who are in short supply now are not the young programmers, although there is still a huge demand for them, but project managers and systems integrators who can make the systems work.

"Open systems have complicated matters. In the old days, when you bought a software package, it either did what you wanted or did not. With open systems, what you have is infinity floating around, which is where you need experienced project managers and integrators.

"When a company wants a degree of maturity, a hint of grey and rugged features helps to reinforce the impression." But Mr Boyall points out that age alone is no indication of experience. "I would not want to push the age limit beyond 50. Certainly, anybody going for retraining as a programmer at the age of 42 is unlikely to get a job."

Eddie Biel is a 43-year-old senior sales and support manager for Direct Systems, a small software house in the North. After 12 years in the army in 1981, he went on a sales and market course and found employment in the IT industry, selling consumer products. In 1987, he moved to Dacoll, a company that manufactures terminals. But like many companies, Dacoll failed to anticipate the impact of the PC on the terminal market and by 1994, in a senior sales role with the company, he found himself redundant.

Mr Biel was out of work for ten weeks, until he found his present position. He says: "Many of the people I deal with prefer to deal with an older person. There is a lot of difference between the North and the South of England. Most of the IT employees in the South are still very young and good at selling."

According to Mr Boyall, the experienced project managers and systems integrators can still command large salaries, especially in the City of London. But Mr Wirszycz points out that there is a price. "Companies are now paying on performance a great deal more than they were in the past," he explains. "Unless you can offer the performance the employer needs, there is little point in applying."

Eddie Biel: at 43, a support manager for a northern company

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INFOTECH

Serious about Sesame Street

Nick Cottam looks at starter systems designed for the very young

Any parent who has seen their over-excited four-year-old turned into a picture of calm concentration at the computer screen will need little persuading of the merits of early electronic learning.

If, as is predicted, about a quarter of the personal computers sold in 1995 will be to the home user, more and more parents of very young children will face a dilemma: do they put junior straight onto a grown-up PC, or is it better to start with a machine designed for the younger user?

The reality may be a mixture of both, and the options appear to be growing all the time. At the PC end of the spectrum, the home computer is no longer simply a glorified word processor. It has become a creative and reference source for all the family, whose increasingly confident older members are encouraging the youngest to get in on the act.

"The younger the children, the more powerful the computer they should need," says Francis Howlett, senior programme officer with the National Council for Educational Technology. "Take the idea of children writing their first stories. If they are using a computer, they will want to illustrate them in the same way as if they were working on paper."

That usually means plenty of memory and high-quality graphics and anyone who has tried to load a children's multimedia program only to find they are short of both will know what he means.

The same applies to CD-Rom and a package such as Dorling Kindersley's *My First Incredible Amazing Dictionary*, which should be a delightful romp through the sounds and images associated with early words, but may end up being less than perfect if the system is not up to scratch.

For these and other reasons, such as the cost of full-scale multimedia, many parents may still consider introducing pre-school children to some kind of lower specification computer as a more realistic option. If they cannot be let loose on a proper computer, the most basic "speak and spell" alternative — from as little as £30 — may be the choice.

These electronic toys, mostly made by VTech, offer everything from *Sesame Street*'s talking bird for early letter and number work to imitation portables aimed at the older primary age child.

Nobody would seriously try to compare them with multimedia computers in areas such as graphics and sound quality, but they are a robust and relatively cheap introduction to electronic learning. Andrew Barrett, VTech's marketing manager, says: "If they weren't fun to use, children wouldn't want to play with them."

The same might be said for the new Early Years range of software which has been launched by Acorn Computers, of Cambridge, whose machines dominate the schools market.

The package is being sold with the company's starter A3010 computer at an all-in price of about £300 — minus a monitor — and includes a wide variety of material which is aimed at three to nine-year-olds.

Calm concentration — should children be put straight on to a grown-up PC, or is it better to start with a machine for younger users?

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LINKING a portable computer with one of the latest GSM digital mobile phones means that busy executives can now be in touch with their offices by fax, E-mail and phone while travelling through much of Europe.

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Shock news

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cases they may "pose an exposure to electric shock". Those with the relevant adaptors should call the IBM PC Response Centre on 0345 727272 or their IBM dealer to arrange a replacement.

Free fall

THE price of some CD-Roms is falling fast. One software company is offering a pack of 11 discs for an all-in price of £30. The collection, from Softkey, based in Wimbledon, southwest London, includes a selection of 250 games on one CD, black and white clip art for use on a document, letter or brochures and a disc with 1,000 recipes.

Boom time

THE world's PC market grew by a quarter last year, according to Dataquest, a research firm. The market was fuelled by a strong demand from home users and fiercely competitive price cutting by the manufacturers.

For the first time in more than a decade, the top seller was not Apple or IBM but Compaq, which sold nearly five million PCs. IBM and Apple each sold about four million. Compaq and Packard Bell were the only companies in the top five to increase market share.

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A huge version of a watch's liquid crystal display screen could save lives

Putting raiders in the dark

The sight every bank teller dreads most is a masked raider pointing a handgun and demanding money. However bullet-proof the glass screen is supposed to be, a raid causes deep psychological trauma to the victim.

One bank has instructed tellers to drop to the floor behind the counter the instant an attack begins. Others have installed screens that rise from the counter when the alarm is sounded, but these are expensive and need an air compressor and other equipment to make them work.

They are also potentially dangerous. Recently, a raider leaning over one was pushed to the ceiling and trapped until the fire service arrived to free him, an alarming occurrence that could accidentally involve a customer.

Now a small Liverpool firm has devised a way of totally obscuring the teller's window in less than the blink of an eye, presenting the attacker with a blank sheet of glass. It is a huge version of the liquid crystal in pocket calculator displays.

The inventor, Brian Keating, of Obscuralite, says: "The liquid crystal is normally invisible, placed between the two sheets of armoured glass in a bank screen. Putting an electrical voltage across it instantly makes it dark."

The screen can be easily installed in existing screens, needs no special equipment to operate and costs about £1,200 a window to install. Though the idea is simple, Mr Keating says that now it has been made public, the security industry is discovering new applications. "London Underground wants to install it on the glass screens at Surrey Quays station in south London, so that rival football fans going to the Millwall ground can be prevented from seeing each other," he says.

A chain of bookmakers is also said to be interested. One branch was attacked repeatedly by the same man recently with what seemed to be a replica weapon, so the staff became almost blasé about it. On his most recent raid he fired it through the ceiling. The gun was a .45 Magnum.

Mr Keating says the screen could also help staff at places such as DSS offices, where abuse is common. Because the glass is obscured instantaneously, the abusers cannot get in a last few curses and threats as they see the officer reaching to pull the blind down.

CHRIS PARTRIDGE

A gun raid: the moment every bank teller dreads

Internet alert for the spoofers

Matthew May reports on hackers who get top-level access to systems

Computer experts are warning this week of another new security threat to the fast-growing Internet. Hackers have found a way to circumvent some of the so-called "firewall" barriers that are designed to protect the computers of those organisations that make information available over the global computer network.

The warning comes from the Computer Emergency Response Team (Cert), an organisation financed by the United States Government. It says that hackers using the technique are able to get top-level access to computer systems. The intruders can then copy or destroy documents or do other damage. The technique was first described in an academic paper ten years ago but is known to have been successfully used only since Christmas.

The first known victim was computer security specialist Tsutomu Shimomura, of the San Diego Supercomputer Centre. One or more culprits took over and controlled his computer on Christmas Day, stealing a large number of security programs.

The method used — called Internet spoofing — exploits a weakness in the Unix operating system, the backbone of the Internet. Spoofing can fool the network computers that route information into believing a message is coming from an authorised source. Once inside a system, intruders can use a "hijacking tool" to take over connections from any user on the system.

Some types of networks include filters that should prevent this type of attack, but many others do not, says Cert. Its warning includes a list of the brands of "router computers" that can use a computer program to protect against the technique by recognising messages that have been forged and rejecting them.

Some companies are particularly concerned about hacking incidents because they are increasingly looking at the Internet as an important medium for electronic shopping and commerce. But this growth will occur only if businesses can be sure that information sent over the Internet will be safe.

Some hackers are merely mischief-makers, although they can cause expensive damage by deleting or altering information on computer systems. But others search for things such as credit-card information or commercial secrets that can be used fraudulently or sold to others.

Though credit-card numbers are the most obvious way to pay for goods ordered electronically, most companies believe that they will have to be encrypted before they are safe to use on the Internet.

Sanford Sherizen, president of Data Security Systems, a Massachusetts firm, says: "There have been a lot of cases where credit-card information has been asked for and given online. People might as well stand on a street corner and yell the information out, or get a plane and trail it in the sky".

● *Further information is available from Cert over the Internet at the ftp site info.cert.org.*

BEWARE THE SUPER-HACKER

☐ THE FBI and the United States Marshal's Office asked for the help of the public this week to track down the legendary hacker David Mitnick — a Californian who, they say, is still using his skills to stay one step ahead of the law. The 31-year-old is not just adept at hacking computers but is also said to be a master of "phone freaking" — being able to control and hack into computer-controlled telephone systems. He first achieved fame as a teenager when he broke into the computers of the North American Air Defence Command Centre and since then there have been numerous tales of his exploits. Typical is the story of him listening into other people's telephone calls and reprogramming the home telephones of those he did not like so that each time the phone was picked up a recording asked for a 25 cents deposit. Mr Mitnick was eventually charged with electronically stealing $1 million in software from the computer company Digital Equipment. He was placed on probation in 1992 but disappeared soon after. The Marshal's Office says: "Be aware if Mitnick is taken into custody that he possesses an amazing ablity to to disrupt one's personal life."

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Queen's Bench Division

Lloyd's claims to be met in order

Cox v Bankside Members Agency Ltd and Others

Before Mr Justice Phillips

[Judgment January 16]

Claims against errors and omissions underwriters made by assured agents or names, acting under the Third Parties (Rights Against Insurers) Act 1930, were to be met in the order that each claimant established liability and quantum by judgment in an *action, an award in arbitration or* settlement.

Claimants were entitled to be indemnified under the errors and *omissions policies against interim* payment orders and liability to pay pre-judgment interest.

Underwriters were entitled to set off costs incurred by them up to the level of excess against claims by or through an assured in respect of whom such costs *had* been incurred.

The Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division so held in an action brought by originating summons by the plaintiffs, Malcolm John Cox, together with numerous Lloyd's underwriting syndicates against Bankside Mem*bers Agency Ltd and other mem*bers' and managing agents and against various groups of Lloyd's names.

Agents sued by the *names* had the benefit, either individually or as a group, of errors and omissions (E & O) insurance cover from the plaintiffs. Competition existed for *the limited amount of E & O* recovery available among names *asserting rights under the 1930 Act* on the liquidation of their agents and the still solvent assured agents.

The plaintiffs' action sought to determine the principle whereby the competing claims would fall to *be resolved together with the* resolution of a number of issues of *construction of the E & O policies.*

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC and *Mr Michael Swainston for the E & O* underwriters; Mr Edward Nugee, QC, Mr Richard Slowe, solicitor, and Mr Thomas Seymour for the Janson Green, Cuthbert Heath, Wellington, Secretan and Sturge names associations; Mr Anthony Bompas, QC and Mr Adam Fenton for the Devonshire names, the Bromley 475 and the D. G. King 745 action groups; Mr Geoffrey Vos, QC, Mr Jonathan *Gaisman and Mr Stephen Phillips* for the Gooda Walker names; Mr *Jonathan Gaisman for the* Aragorn names; Miss Siobhan Healy for Sword-Daniels; Mr Steven Berry for various assured agents; Mr Christopher Bathurst, QC and Mr Andrew Lydiard for the Feltrim names.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that on the question of the order in which the claims should be met the parties fell into two camps; those who advocated recovery on a "first past the post" basis, so that those *who first established their claims* would make full recovery, and those who contended that the proceeds of the various E & O covers had to be shared between those who had claims upon them on a rateable basis.

Ranking of competing claims of limited E & O cover

In considering the nature of the insurer's obligations, his Lordship said that no obligation on the part of the insurer arose until the liability of the assured agent to a third party was established and quantified by judgment, arbitration award or *settlement: see Post Office v Norwich Union* ([1967] 2 QB 363).

If an assured agent were covered by similar E & O policies to those in this case, and subject to an overall limit of liability, the insurer would be in cumulative breach of duty to the agent each time a *quantified claim was established* until the sum of the claims overtopped the amount of the cover.

Thereafter if further third party claims were established they could not, in his Lordship's view, result in further liability on the part of the insurer. The same was true where the insurer granted cover to *a group of assured agents.*

His Lordship saw no basis for implying agreement between the co-assured that recoveries would be shared on a pro rata basis with those whose liability was established only after the cover had been exhausted.

Effect of Insolvency

The ranking of claims in a situation of solvency against the E & O underwriter depended on the order in which the third party names established liability against the assured by judgment, arbitration award or settlement, thereby giving *rise to a vested right on the* part of the assured to indemnity in *accordance with the terms of the* cover.

The effect of insolvency, under the 1930 Act, was simply to transfer the rights from the assured agents to the third party names who had established, or proceeded to establish, quantified liability against the assured. The ranking of claims *and the amounts recoverable were* therefore unaffected by the transfer.

If the quantified liability had not been established at the date of insolvency, a third party name asserting a claim would have *transferred under the Act merely* an inchoate or contingent right. If *before that name* established a quantified claim, other quantified claims were established which exhausted the cover, his contingent right would be rendered nugatory.

Priority of liabilities to pay third party costs

His Lordship said that, following the governing principle in *Post Office v Norwich Union such* legal costs formed independent claims which did not fall to be ranked in the system of priority until the amount thereof had been determined by agreement or taxation.

Excess

It was common ground between the parties that claims were subject to the excess under the relevant policy such that early claimants had no entitlement to payment until the excess had been applied *and* exhausted.

Interest

Whether the E & O underwriters were liable in respect of interest awarded to names under section 35A of the Supreme Court Act 1981, as inserted by section 15(1) of and Schedule 1 to the Administration of Justice Act 1982, depended on the true construction of the policies. Under each of them the underwriters agreed to indemnify the *assured against their legal liability* for "compensatory damages *and/or costs and/or legal expenses*". In his Lordship's view, the *phrase* "compensatory damages" extended to include interest awarded under the 1981 Act.

His Lordship rejected a contention that there was an implied obligation on the part of the underwriters to indemnify the assured against the liability to pay interest that was not subject to the limit of cover.

The implied right to an indem*nity would not normally arise, his* Lordship said, in respect of the consequence of an order or request if the party claiming the indemnity had contractually agreed to accept the risk of that consequence.

In the present case, the risk of incurring *liability to pay interest* under the 1981 Act was an auto*matic consequence of the exercise* of E & O insurers' contractual right to require a claim to be defended. Furthermore, on his Lordship's construction of the ambit of the word "damages" the contract expressly conferred a right, albeit a *limited right, to an indemnity in* respect of the liability to pay such interest.

Costs

The effect of conditions in the policy was that until the excess had been exhausted the assured had to bear the costs *himself* and thereafter until the limit was exhausted *the underwriters were liable* for defence costs incurred with their *consent.*

The question was what was the position where the underwriters had funded the whole of the defence costs including that lying within the excess as in cases where the agent was insolvent.

His Lordship concluded, inter alia, that, presuming that the *insured was legally liable to pay* solicitors instructed in the conduct of the defence, the assured would be under an obligation to reimburse the underwriters for the funding of costs which fell within the excess.

Applying established principles of set-off, *the* obligation to reimburse gave rise to a right of set-*off on the part of underwriters* against a claim for indemnity from *that particular assured. The pos*ition was unchanged where the *names* had stepped into the shoes of the assured.

Interim payment

In his Lordship's judgment an order for interim payment could properly and naturally be described as damages and accordingly fell within the terms of the policy that the underwriter would indemnify the assured against all sums which "the assured had become legally *liable to pay as* damages".

Furthermore, an interim payment order satisfied the requirement laid down in *Post Office v Norwich Union.*

Review of priorities

Vested rights to an indemnity on the part of an assured might arise *in a number of circumstances* each of which required the establish*ment* of a quantified loss on the part of the assured. Those were:

1 The incurring of defence costs with the consent of the underwriters.

2 The establishment of a quantified liability to third parties to pay *damages or costs as a result of* (a) settlement, (b) arbitration award, (c) interim payment order, (d) judgment and (e) taxation. Until the excess was exhausted such losses had to be borne by the assured so the initial effect of such *losses as they occurred was to* reduce the outstanding excess until that had been fully borne by the assured. Thereafter the quantified losses gave rise to successive liabilities in the order in which they were established until the limit of cover was reached.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; S. J. Berwin, *D. J.* Freeman, More Fisher Brown and Eversheds; *Frere Cholmeley Bischoff and* Stephen Mitchell & Co; Wild Sapte; Macfarlanes; Hextall Erskine & Co; Ashurst Morris Crisp and Manches & Co; Richards Butler.

Unlawful service can be false imprisonment

Pritchard v Ministry of Defence

Unlawfully requiring a person to serve in the armed forces could *constitute the tort of false* imprisonment, since the power of *compulsion available under mili*tary law was sufficient coercion to constitute imprisonment.

Judge Previté, QC, sitting as a High Court judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on December 21 when dismissing the claim of *James Kenneth Pritchard that* he had been compelled by the *Ministry of Defence to continue to* serve as a soldier in the British Army for about 16 months between November 1981 and March 1983.

HIS LORDSHIP was satisfied on the evidence that the plaintiff was lawfully committed to serve in the Army for the period in dispute.

The ministry had argued that *being* required to serve in *the* armed services could not constitute *imprisonment because there was* no total restraint.

His Lordship agreed that while it was true that limited liberty was granted to the individual while on army service, for example, freedom to move about within or outside barracks when not on duty, nevertheless a soldier was at *all other times subject to restriction* as to where he might be or what he *might* do and *that* restriction would be enforced, if necessary, by *military* law. The availability of the power of compulsion was sufficient to constitute imprisonment, whether or not the compulsion had been exercised.

Court of Appeal

Cause of action accrues when loss crystallises

First National Commercial Bank plc v Humberts

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Saville

[Judgment January 13]

Where as a result of a negligent valuation the plaintiff lender suf*fered loss on an advance made to a* borrower, the cause of action in tort against the valuer accrued on the earliest occasion when the plaintiff's loss crystallised, namely the date of sale of the security, and not the date when the advance was made.

The Court of Appeal so stated *allowing an appeal by the plaintiff* lender, the First National Commercial Bank plc, from the decision of Judge David Smith, QC, sitting as a High Court judge on *July 30, 1993 whereby he ruled* on the trial of a preliminary issue *that the plaintiffs' action in tort* was statute barred.

In July 1983 the plaintiffs advanced money on a property in reliance on a valuation provided by Humberts, the defendant valuers, in May 1983 in the sum of £4.4 *million. The borrowers were now* insolvent and the security taken for the advance proved insufficient to recoup the amounts owed. The plaintiffs alleged that the valuation was made negligently and that if a proper valuation of £2.7 million had been *made they would* not have entered into the loan agree*ment or made any of the advances.*

The plaintiffs issued a writ against the valuers on March 20, 1990. The plaintiff's case before the judge was that their action was not statute barred because their cause of action accrued after March 20, *1984.*

Mr James Townend, QC and *Mr Clive Newton for the plaintiffs;* Mr Michael Lewer QC and Mr David Tucker for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE SAVILLE said *that for the purposes of the* preliminary issue, it was to be assumed that the defendants owed a duty of care to the plaintiffs and were in May 1983 in breach of that duty. It was the law that a cause of action for the tort of negligence *only arose when there had been a* breach of duty resulting in actual *loss or damage recognised by the* law.

The *main* submission of the defendants, which was accepted by the trial judge, was that, on the evidence, the financing deal that the plaintiffs had made in 1983 was of substantially less value in money terms as an investment than it would have been *had the* valuation of £4.4 million been *accurate, so that by reason of the* negligence the plaintiffs sustained *an* actual loss in 1983 of that difference in values.

In his Lordship's judgment that submission was incorrect, since loss of that kind was not recognised by the law as flowing from the assumed breach of duty. Had the defendants performed the duty, by providing an accurate valuation *of £2.7 million, the plaintiffs would* not have entered into the trans*action* at all.

It seemed to his Lordship to be for precisely the same reason that the House of Lords in *Swingcastle v Gibson* ([1991] 2 AC 223) held that the mortgagees in that case, who would not have advanced money *to the mortgagor but for a neg*ligently high valuation, could not recover from the valuers the outstanding interest due from the mortgagors, for in the absence of the negligence, there would have been no mortgage.

It was convenient at *that* point to consider what loss and damage the *plaintiffs asserted they suffered as* a result of the assumed negligence. The plaintiffs first calculated the amount they said that they had advanced and expended under the financing deal.

Against that they set the amounts they had recovered. On those figures the recoveries ex*ceeded the outlay, but the plaintiffs* claimed that they had sustained a loss on one of two bases.

The first was founded on the assertion that, but for the negligence, they would have employed that outlay profitably by lending to others; that that profit would have been susbstantially greater than *the amount* by which their recoveries exceeded their actual outlay, *and that accordingly they had lost* the difference between that amount and the profit they would have made. The second basis was to add to the outlay the cost to the plaintiffs of borrowing the money to fund the deal, which resulted in the recoveries *falling short of the* total expenditure of the plaintiffs, *and to claim that shortfall as the* loss sustained.

If either of them represented the legally correct method of calculating what loss or damage the plaintiffs sustained from the assumed breach of duty, then the *question* was when such losses first began to be incurred.

It seemed to his Lordship that in the present case, given that the *plaintiffs* could establish the factual basis for one or other of their claims, the loss allegedly sustained was of a kind legally recognised as flowing from the assumed breach of duty. That then led to the question when such losses began to accrue.

The plaintiffs submitted that until after March 1984 no such loss or damage as claimed had been *suffered by them. Up to and at that* date their outlay, together with either *the* cost of borrowing or the notional profit that could have been obtained elsewhere, was less than the value of the security put up for the deal. Accordingly, until *after March 1984 the plaintiffs* could not show a cause of action against the valuers, for the assumed breach of duty had not caused them any actual loss.

Applying the principles set out in *Swingcastle,* the starting point in a case such as the present was the advance made by the claimants, *which prima facie represented the* measure of their loss. The first advance made by the plaintiffs was in July 1983. That did not mean, however, that the advance or any part of it was actually lost at that time.

The fact that the prima facie loss was to be measured in the way *described in Swingcastle did not* entail that it necessarily occurred when the advance was made, for when the advance was made there might be readily available means of recouping it.

As at July 1983 and until after March 1984 the *plaintiffs* would, in his Lordship's judgment, have *been unable to establish that* they had lost the whole or any part of their advance, since, as they had demonstrated, the security they had exceeded the advances.

Thus, to his Lordship's mind, the advances themselves could not be treated as creating an actual loss sustained more than six years *before the issue of the writ. For the* same reasons, it seemed to his Lordship that the same conclusion followed with regard to the cost of borrowing or alternative lending claims.

Lord Justice Neill delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Stewarts; Kennedys.

Leave needed to scrap crash cars

Regina v Beckford

Procedures should be put in place to ensure that cars involved in accidents were not scrapped before express permission had been given by the police. That permission *should never be given where* serious criminal charges were to be brought which *might* involve the possibility of some mechanical defect in the car.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Mr Justice Alliott and *Mr Justice Rix*) so observed on December 21, when dismissing the *appeal of Ian Anthony Beckford* against his conviction on June 21, 1994 at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Pearlman and a jury) of causing death by driving without due care and attention while unfit through drink or drugs.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that it was submitted that the proceedings should have been stayed as an abuse of the process of *the court. The appellant's case was* that the most probable explanation of the crash was a mechanical defect but the car had been scrapped before the defence could examine it. The police had not given authority for the car to be scrapped; on *the other hand* they had given no instructions for it to *be preserved.*

The jurisdiction to stay could be exercised in many different circumstances. Two main strands could be detected in the authorities: cases where the court concluded that (a) the defendant could *not receive a fair trial; (b) it would* be unfair for the defendant to be tried.

The circumstances of each case required separate consideration. On the facts of the instant case the absence of the car had not affected *the fairness of the trial.*

Creditor's duty of disclosure of disadvantageous arrangement

Levett and Others v Barclays Bank plc

Before Mr Michael Burton, QC

[Judgment November 21]

A creditor was under a duty to disclose to a surety contractual *arrangements made between the* principal debtor and the creditor which made the principal contract something materially different in a potentially disadvantageous respect from that which the surety might normally expect.

Mr Michael Burton, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench *Division so held in finding* for the plaintiffs: (i) John Levett, executor of *Silvanus* John Levett, (ii) Mrs Dorothy Levett, (iii) Andrew Edward Diaper-Howard and (iv) Alan Geoffrey Levett, both co-executors of Mrs Dorothy *Levett, deceased, for recovery of* £325,000 plus interest from the *defendants. Barclays Bank plc.*

Mr James Eadie for the plain*tiffs: Mr Andrew Onslow for the* bank.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Mr and Mrs Levett had allowed their short dated Treasury *stock* to be used as security to assist a Mr Hole and a Mr Lewis, his solicitor, to borrow money from Barclays Bank on a short-term basis.

They were only prepared to do so if they were sure to get the stock back before its maturity date:

Unknown to the Levetts and to *the bank Mr Hole had* only recently been discharged from *bankruptcy and Mr Lewis was* already being investigated by the Law Society and was in due course made bankrupt himself and struck off as a solicitor.

The Levetts *signed* powers of attorney for Mr Lewis in respect of the Treasury stock and received signed letters from Mr Hole and *Mr Lewis undertaking* to return the Treasury stocks before their maturity date free of *any* encumbrances.

The arrangement that Mr Hole and Mr Lewis made with the bank was for a bridging loan until maturity of the stocks which would be put into the bank's name so that *on maturity the funds* would go directly to repay the bridging loan.

The plaintiffs claimed *that the* bank had failed to comply with a duty to disclose material differences between the loan agreement with the bank and that which the Levetts as sureties were entitled to expect.

After considering Hamilton v Watson ((1845) 12 Cl & Fin 107) and *Cooper v National Provincial Bank Ltd* ([1946] KB 1) his Lordship concluded that the principle appeared *to* be that there was imposed upon a creditor a duty to disclose unusual terms unknown to the surety.

It was quite clear that there was a contractual agreement between the bank and Mr Lewis and Mr Hole that the method of repayment would be the use of the realised proceeds from the Treasury stock on the date of its maturity.

That was an arrangement which made the terms of the principal contract materially different from that which sureties would expect in a *potentially disadvantageous* respect.

There was not just a risk that the bank would go against the securities but a certainty.

It was a fundamental part of the loan that it was to be repaid out of the stock.

In the light of the authorities, the very *fact that* the transaction was different from that which the guarantors were entitled *to expect* meant that the terms were automatically unusual.

The case of non-disclosure was therefore proved and it was a *material* non-disclosure, in the sense of being causative of loss, as his Lordship *found that the Levetts* would have acted differently if they had known the true position.

Solicitors: Macfarlanes: Eversheds Phillips & Buck, Cardiff.

Appeal procedure validates flawed hearing

Regina v Governors of St Gregory's RC Aided High School and Another, Ex parte Roberts

Before Mr Justice Turner

[Judgment December 2]

Although an exclusion hearing before school governors had been flawed, the procedure adopted at a subsequent hearing by the appeals committee was fair and that was sufficient to allow the court to hold that their decision was valid.

Mr Justice Turner so stated in a *reserved judgment in the Queen's* Bench Division when refusing to grant to Matthew Lee Roberts judicial review of a decision of the governing body of St Gregory's RC Aided High School, Warrington, of October 7, 1992 to exclude him from the school and a like decision of the school appeals committee on January 22, 1993.

Roberts was said to have sworn *in the presence of a teacher. He* was indefinitely excluded by the *headmaster. On appeal, the gov*ernors decided not to order his *reinstatement* and shortly thereafter the headmaster ordered that the exclusion be *made permanent.* Following a hearing by the appeals committee he was notified that the permanent exclusion was a reasonable *response* to the behaviour which was the subject matter of the complaint.

Mr Philip Engelman for Roberts; Miss Carol Atkinson for the school.

MR JUSTICE TURNER said that the procedure at the first hearing before the governors was unquestionably flawed by the misunderstanding that Roberts him*self had no right to be heard, albeit* that his mother was present and was permitted to ask the headmaster questions and make representations on his behalf.

He submitted that the decisions of both the governors and the appeals committee were fundamentally flawed.

Furthermore, he contended that the case was one where the existence of a separate right of *appeal and decision by the appeal* body could not cure the deficiency of the original proceedings so that if the original hearing was flawed nothing which subsequently took place could cure the defect in the original proceedings: see *Lloyd v McMahon* ([1987] AC 625).

In essence, he submitted, because the school *governors had* misunderstood their powers to hear from Roberts at the first hearing, the subsequent proceedings were similarly flawed and should be struck down.

Mr Engelman was, however, prepared to concede that if the error before or committed by the governors was only minor, the hearing before the committee *could cure the defect.*

In his Lordship's judgment, it was not only permissible to consider the nature of what took place before the appeals committee but, in order to decide whether or not weight should be given to the alleged errors in the procedures which were committed by the governors and the headmaster immediately following the de*cisions permanently to exclude the* applicant, also necessary to do so.

*It was evident from the descrip*tion of what happened at the appeals committee hearing that they performed their function not only by conducting a full review of the evidence obtained by the headmaster at the stage of his inquiry, but specifically, they permitted Roberts himself to give *evidence concerning the incident.*

In the circumstances, the decision of the committee not to hear direct evidence from the primary witnesses was not unreasonable unfairness. It would have been quite unrealistic *to suppose that* the witnesses would have had a genuinely fresh recollection of the incident rather than a recollection of what they had earlier said about it.

For the committee to have approached their task in *the same* way that would have been appropriate to a hearing in the crown court would have lacked a proper sense of balance.

That Roberts should have been allowed to give his account of the *matter* was an act of obvious fairness, quite apart from the *express requirement of the Revised Code of Practice for Appeals under the Education Acts of 1980 and 1981 and the Education (No 2) Act 1986* published in March 1992 by the Association of County Councils and Association of Metropolitan Authorities in consultation with the Council on Tribunals.

It was plain that by their decision the committee accepted that Roberts *had* been responsible for the behaviour complained of and that the decision *permanently* to exclude was a reasonable response to that behaviour.

How far in any given case it was necessary for a body such as the appeals committee to spell out the reasons for their decision had to be a matter of individual choice and decision by that body in the light of *all the circumstances,* including the extent of the perceived capacity of the principal actors to understand the nature, as well as the course, of the proceedings in question.

In the present case there was good reason to believe that Roberts' father, as well as Roberts *himself,* fully understood what transpired at the hearing. It was also clear that his *father* considered at the time that he had receive a fair hearing.

The grounds for the decision — that the grounds for the decision *could not have been more fully* expressed in the letter itself. But the letter was *merely the ex*pression of the ultimate decision of the appeals committee, their approach to that decision having been made plain to those who were present in their capacities of accuser and accused during the hearing *itself.*

From the full note of those proceedings it was not *apparent* that the committee misdirected themselves in any way, at least in so far as the decision to the effect that Roberts was responsible for the conduct of which complaint was made.

As to the challenge that the imposition of the ultimate sanction was unreasonable in the *Wednesbury* sense (*Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation* ([1948] 1 KB 223)), the *question* was whether or not a reasonable head teacher could have arrived at the decision reached in the present case.

In his Lordship's judgment, Roberts had failed to establish that he would not and by a significant margin.

The decision would have been the same even if the principle of proportionality formed a part of the domestic law of the UK courts.

His Lordship stated that even had he been persuaded that the relevant decisions were *Wednesbury* unreasonable, he would have refused relief. That was because *since Roberts had* now passed the minimum age for compulsory education and was presently undergoing training in agriculture, intervention by way of *certiorari* would not have achieved any material advantage to him. It *would* not have achieved his reinstatement at school.

Solicitors: Peter Liell, Oxford.

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THEATRE: Fine revivals of Strindberg and Shakespeare reviewed, plus Adrian Noble's plans for the RSC next season

Holy roller-coaster ride

Easter
Barbican Pit

How odd and unsettling that the RSC should stage a superb revival of *Easter* barely a week after the Almeida did almost equal justice to *The Dance of Death*. It is not merely that Strindberg wrote them both during the same frantic month, October 1900. It is that *Easter* is a remarkably generous and forgiving play, while *The Dance of Death* exudes a sharp cynicism. Even those not temperamentally inclined to suspect that Bacon wrote Shakespeare might reasonably wonder if more than one dramatist wasn't responsible.

Actually, more than one was, for several Strindbergs inhabited the same body and used the same pen. Certainly, no dramatist was more prone to radical mood-swings and mind-loops. We are talking of a man who variously looked for salves for his confusion and pain in Catholicism, Buddhism, socialism, Swedenborgian mysticism, Darwinism, the occult, alchemy, writing and marriage. *The Dance of Death* was written by Strindberg the severe behavioural scientist, *Easter* by Strindberg the Christian.

This is signalled at the very start of Katie Mitchell's production. A painting of the Last Supper is projected on to the back wall to the sound of the *St John Passion*. As the action moves from Maundy Thursday to Easter Day, so does the iconography, until the play ends with Christ resurrected and Bach triumphant. By that time the Heyst family — mother, son Elis, daughter Eleanora — have passed from gloom to a qualified joy.

Sounds sentimentally unStrindbergian? Not the way Mitchell directs. Remembering that father Heyst is in jail for fraud while his kin fearfully await his principal creditor, she and her designer, Rosa Maggiora, have given the Pit a dour debtor's look. Indeed, they have opened it to its walls, coloured them grey, and furnished the space in between with little more than a clock, a gas-meter, an old piano, a few battered chairs and lots of yellowish light. Remember Mitchell's recent productions of *Ghosts* and *Rutherford and Son*? Once again she has laid a stage waste, only to cram it with human feeling.

Starting with Susan Brown's fiercely protective mother, the principal performers leave you wondering why they are relatively unknown. Adrian Rawlins, correctly twigging that Elis has much of Strindberg in him, comes complete with pale face, moustache and straggly hair, plus nerve-ends forever emitting restlessness, insecurity and paranoia. Meanwhile, Lucy Whybrow brings a gawky, ingenuous intensity, and with it life and energy, to the near-impossible role of Eleanora, a holy fool on the run from an asylum. This is an actress who can rabbit on about hearing birds talk, and seem the opposite of mawkish.

In case you don't know it, I'll say little about the ending except that it might be equally mawkish, since Strindberg is suggesting that, while suffering is inevitable, kindness, mercy and even happiness also exist. But with Philip Locke rivetingly forceful as the creditor the family has unthinkingly demonised, this comes across not as wishful thinking, but as a tough truth earned the hard way. Strindberg's *Easter* mood passed, but you're left in no doubt that at the time it was a genuine passion.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Lucy Whybrow and Adrian Rawlins as Strindbergian siblings Eleanora and Elis Heyst, going from gloom to a qualified joy in Holy Week

Three into two won't go

Once again the Young Vic is coming to the RSC's rescue

How to fit three feet into two shoes — that is what its director, Adrian Noble, ruefully describes as an "ongoing problem" for the RSC, which has only the Barbican and the Pit as London homes for its transfers from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, the Swan and the Other Place. And the problem becomes positively unhinging when the Stratford season has been particularly well received and busy, as was the case last year.

When he revealed the company's plans for 1995-96 yesterday, Noble was able to announce a temporary solution. As it has done once or twice in the past, the RSC will take its excess cargo to the Young Vic. Between June and September it will restage both David Edgar's latest foray into Eastern Europe, *Pentecost*, and John Barton's revival of *Peer Gynt*, with the excellent Alex Jennings. Add a pair of new productions by the Young Vic's own ex-director, David Thacker — Shakespeare's *Tempest* and Edward Bond's backhanded tribute to the Bard, *Bingo* — and there is no danger of a summer lull in Waterloo.

But is prolonged occupation by the RSC altogether good news for the Young Vic itself? Tim Supple's revival of John Byrne's *Slab Boys* trilogy, a huge critical success, and the marvellous *Grimm Tales*, which was a commercial one too, suggested that his regime was at last forging the strong identity the theatre has lacked since Thacker's exit. But unless he can slot something home-grown amid the visiting productions about to descend on him, we will have to wait for the Young Vic's silver jubilee in the autumn to be sure of its progress.

As Noble's bullish mood confirms, there are no such worries for the RSC. All last year's Stratford offerings are en route south, giving Londoners the chance to see Jennings's Angelo in *Measure for Measure*, Emma Fielding's Viola and Des Barrit's Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*, and Toby Stephens's Coriolanus, among other fine performances. Moreover, the Barbican Centre sees coincidental revivals of lesser-known works by major dramatists who died in 1994: John Osborne's Hapsburg-and-homosexuality *Patriot for Me* and, in the Pit, Dennis Potter's Christ play, *Son of Man*.

No special shape is discernible in the mix of acknowledged masterpieces, modern revivals and new plays that constitutes the RSC's coming London season. Noble sees slightly more pattern to the new Stratford one. But that seems to mean only that there are three seldom performed European classics at the Swan and Other Place: Euripides's *Phoenician Women*, Calderón's *Painter of Dishonour*, and Michael Bogdanov's production of both parts of *Faust*.

On the face of it, the main-house choices at Stratford this year — *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Julius Caesar* and *Richard III* — are unadventurous. But each has a point of special interest. The *Shrew* is an RSC debut for the highly-regarded Australian director, Gale Edwards. *Caesar* marks Peter Hall's first RST (sic) production for nearly 30 years. Juliet will be played by the promising Lucy Whybrow (see review, left). Richard will be David Troughton, currently both hero and anti-hero of Goldoni's *Venetian Twins*.

Adrian Noble: "best job"

It was the likes of these that came to Noble's mind when I fed him the question everyone is asking behind his back. Is he a likely candidate when Richard Eyre retires as the National's artistic director in 1997? His answer was a pretty emphatic no, on the grounds that he had the better job anyway. Would the National allow him to form a cohesive company, and help actors to develop, grow and come into their own? I can see his point.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Sorting out the men from the boys

DONALD COOPER

Adrian Lester (top) as Rosalind and Simon Coates as Celia

As You Like It
Albery

Cheek by Jowl's revived production has been out on the international circuit since October. New York, Moscow, two days in Barcelona and Bucharest, three in Sofia, back to New York, two days in Jerusalem, two weeks at Peter Brook's Bouffes du Nord in Paris. Now it is in a big fat theatre in the West End, with a dress circle and an upper circle *and* a gallery: a far cry from the intimate Donmar Warehouse.

This is their most celebrated production, the all-male Shakespeare from 1991, with several members of the original cast re-creating their roles. Here is Richard Cant's daffy, long-legged Audrey, sandwiched between four courtiers and happily beating time to their hey-nonny-nonnies. Here is Peter Needham's Touchstone, part spiv, part ex-sergeant, slapping on a red nose for his terrible jokes and rattling through his "lie direct" speech with joyful relish, aided by his Audrey who mouths significant words almost into the Duke's ear.

David Hobbs again plays both Dukes, each so different in mien and voice that without the programme's help you would suppose two actors are playing them. The exiled Duke is sometimes presented as the wise Thoreau type but here, pottering around with pockets full of stones, there is a hint that he is actually barking mad. "Books in the running brooks, sermons in stones." He will soon be turning over the ripples to locate a favourite quotation.

Here again is Adrian Lester's captivating Rosalind, hesitant, trembling, sweetly impulsive, sheltering a book between cupped palms as though it were a newborn puppy. His light, bubbling voice — lurching into frank desire when the lines speak of Orlando's manly parts — tumbles over itself with almost girlish enthusiasm. I say "almost" because it remains a man's idea of a girl, with vulnerability adopted as the keynote. This makes the harshness of the verbal attack on Wayne Cater's Phebe hard to accommodate within the character Lester has hitherto been showing us.

The production itself develops a harsher tone than I remember from last time. Celia's dismay at her beloved friend's withdrawal makes dramatic sense. Simon Coates, very much the highborn lady whose eyes glaze over when the yokels witter on, is often sitting at the front of the stage, schoolgirl's diary forgotten, like Andersen's grieving mermaid. But the character that Declan Donnellan's direction draws out of Jaques is questionable. Michael Gardiner points the cynicism in a strong, icily precise voice and his collapse, weeping, onto the lap of Rosalind (now disguised as a boy) feels right. But he then goes round propositioning man after man, even at the wedding, and this feels wrong.

The show is often marvellously funny, though the sight of men playing women is usually the source of it. The diction of some members of the cast needs to be clearer. On the beige-box set (design by Nick Ormerod) props are minimal. Long after we have entered the Forest of Arden no trees are visible — until they are actually wanted, so that sonnets can be pinned to them, whereupon green streamers roll down from above. Up till then we have been required to use our imagination. I like that.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DANCE: **Debra Craine** is disappointed in Dartford by the Royal Ballet

Showcase of the biters bit

They called it Dance Bites because it was to be the cutting edge of new choreography for the Royal Ballet. And last year's Dance Bites tour to the regions did at least fulfil some of its brief to showcase exciting experimental work by Royal Opera House choreographers. But perhaps they should just have called this year's tour Dance Bits.

Six short pieces, followed by last year's big hit *Herman Schmerman*, make up the programme for the 1995 tour, which began this week in Dartford and moves to Cambridge on Saturday. The evening at Dartford's Orchard Theatre, however, fell prey to the danger in this kind of all-sorts programming, and never rose to a sense of occasion, especially since so much of what was on offer was poorly prepared and, in some cases, poorly danced.

William Tuckett got us in the mood with his three-minute solo, *All Things Con-*

Ortueta did not very much to the jazz standard "Lover Man" (played on stage by the London Jazz Quintet) other than lead from her hips and flash her long legs. By contrast, the revival of *A Shropshire Lad*, one of Tuckett's first professional works, reminded us of the choreographer's early promise. Danced to settings by George Butterworth and E.J. Moeran of a selection of poems from A.E. Housman's collection, the beautifully rounded movement captured the nostalgia of memory and the acceptance of the passing of time. All four dancers were excellent, Belinda Hatley in particular as the lone woman.

The *Thaïs* pas de deux, which was sandwiched be-

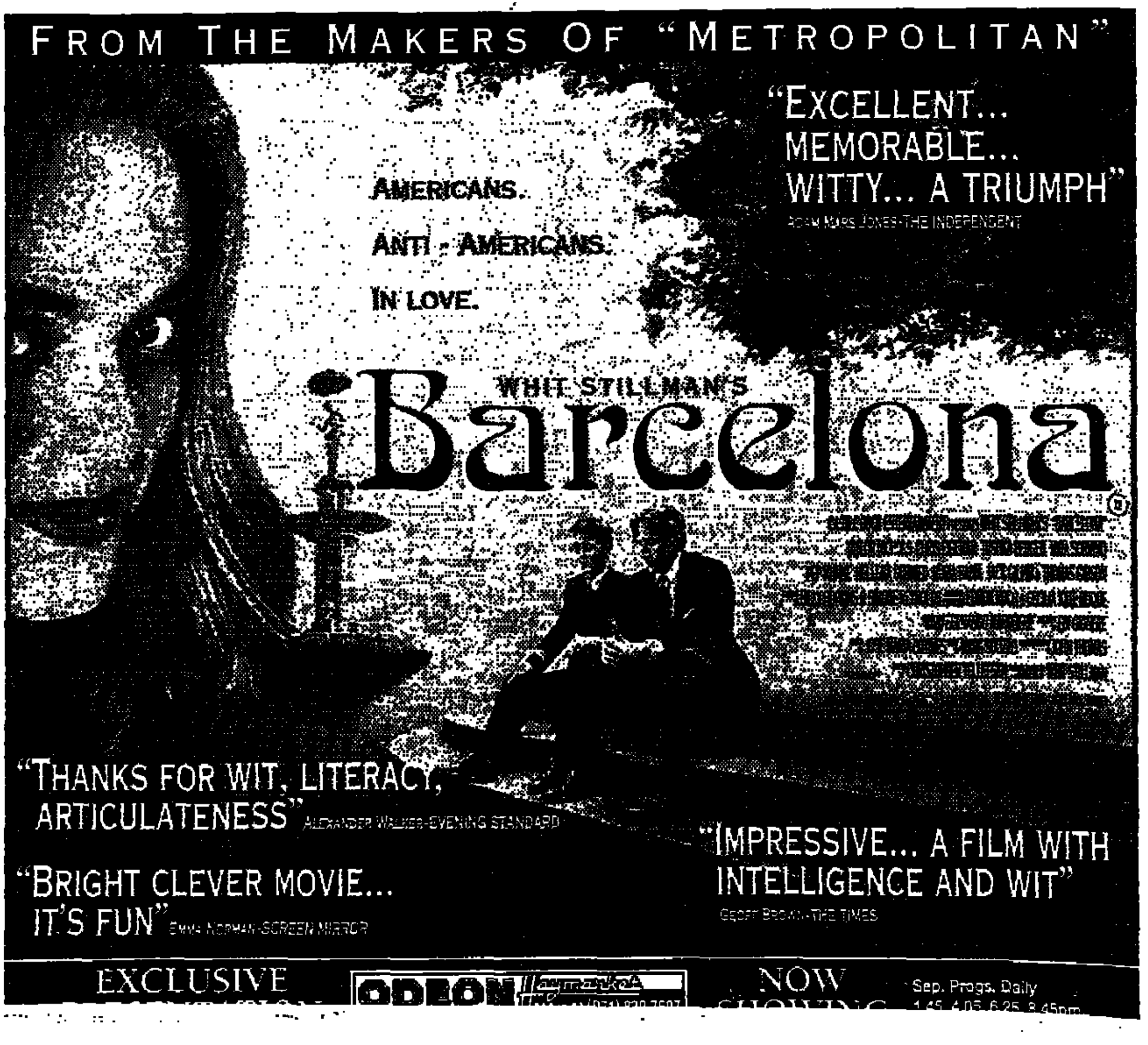
ings, was risible. Leanne Benjamin and Michael Nunn treated Ashton's hushed reverie with such exaggerated reverence that one had to wonder if they were actually attempting to parody it. Their clumsy efforts were not helped by the noisy combination of Benjamin's heavy pointe shoes and the unyielding stage.

The only substantial new choreography was to be found in *Two Or Three Dialogues* by Ashley Page. Here Page returns to the territory of *Bloodlines*: high-tech classicism driven by a thrashing rock score (in this case by Brian Eno). The choreography draws on a familiar arsenal of Page moves — legs attacking, partners pulling each other off

up to any interesting conclusions, no matter how well danced they were by Ann de Vos and William Trevitt.

Matthew Hart's revived *Solo (to Shostakovich)* was interesting and unpredictable, a body-slapping, sporadically balletic, primitivist display of choreography well handled by Ricardo Cervera.

What should have been the evening's highlight was its biggest disappointment — the company premiere of Balanchine's 1972 pas de deux *Duo Concertant*. The choreographer meant it to illustrate the relationship between movement and music: violinist Yuri Torchinsky and pianist Philip Gammon were on stage throughout. But Darcey Bussell and Jonathan Cope were ill at ease with the long moments when they were required to listen to the Stravinsky score; and lifeless when they actually began to dance. A lot of work will have to be done if *Duo Concertant* is to make a successful transfer to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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

MUSIC AT THE BARBICAN: Mark Elder kicks off the weekend with the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** for a programme of works from Weber, Beethoven — with the celebrated Beaux Arts Trio — and Strauss. On Sunday, the **London Symphony Orchestra** ends its Pierre *Boulez 70th birthday celebrations with* Debussy's *Nocturnes*, Bartók's epic *Piano Concerto No 2 and Boulez's own Le Visage nuptial*. Boulez conducts and *Michel Beroff is the soloist.*
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). *Tonight, 7.15pm and Sun, 7.30pm* Ⓢ

MAMA I WANT TO SING: The great Chaka Khan joins this American *celebration of rhythm and blues, gospel* and jazz for its London run. Mama was *heaped with praise during its five years* in New York, and has continued on its "hand-clapping, foot-stomping" merry way through an international tour.
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Opens Feb 1, 7pm; until Apr 8

OPERA GALA NIGHT: *A star-studded* evening of arias and duets is all in aid of Children of the Andes, a British charity supporting programmes in Colombia. With Thomas Allen, Amanda Roocroft, *Bryn Terfel and Katia Ricciarelli* amongst others. Colin Davis conducts.
***Theatre Royal**, Drury Lane, WC2* (0171-494 5060). Sun, 7pm

ELSEWHERE

ABERDEEN: *Last year's London* revival of Anna Reynold's **Jordan** *continues its deserved tour.* Moira Buffini delivers a gripping monologue *about a mother on trial for murdering* her child — you will hang on to every word. *Fiona Buffini directs*
Lemon Tree, West North Street Ⓢ (01224-642230). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then in **Glasgow**, Tron Ⓢ (0141-552 4267) Jan 31-Feb 5

BOLTON: Don't miss this chance to see *three of Alan Bennett's powerful and* bleakly funny monologues brought to *the stage as **Talking Heads**: the* anxious mother's boy, the poison letter writer and the always cheerful photocopier.
Octagon, Howell Croft South (0204 20661). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Feb 1 and 18, 2pm. Until Feb 18. Ⓢ

CAMBRIDGE: The Royal Ballet's small *scale **Dance Bites** tour touches down* here for one day of riveting *performances. An important showcase* for both choreographers and dancers, *which includes Balanchine's Duo Concertant*, Hart's *Solo*, Ashton's *Thaïs pas de deux* and Forsythe's popular *Herman Schmerman*.
Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street Ⓢ (01223 357851). Tomorrow, 2.30 and 7.30pm. Then in **Leicester**, Haymarket Ⓢ (01533 539797), Jan 30 and 31.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . . **British Museum**: Byzantine Treasures from British Collections (0171-636 1555) . . . **Royal Festival Hall**: It's a Pleasure! nine contemporary artists (0171-928 3002) **National Gallery**: The Age of Elegance (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Christina Rossetti (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine**: Man Ray (0171-402 6075) **Tate**: Works on Paper: Gainsborough *to the Pre-Raphaelites* (0171-887 8000) **V & A**: Warwicks Women, Photography and the Art of War (0171-938 8500) . . . **Whitechapel**: Worlds in a Box (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

■ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: The Fats *Waller musical show: an evening of* stomping, tapping, exuberant song and dance
Tricycle, Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm Ⓢ

☐ ***THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE***: Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated *Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast* in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat 2.30pm.

☐ **DANGEROUS CORNER**: Keith *Baxter directs an excellent cast in* Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-867 1119). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 5pm, until Mar 11

■ **FEVER PITCH**: The one-man show *adapted from Nick Hornby's best-selling* account of a lifelong obsession — *some would say inexplicable* — with Arsenal FC. Stephen North takes us through 45 minutes each way
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 6.15 and 8.30pm.

☐ ***THE LIBERTINE***: Stephen Jeffreys's excellent portrait of the life and *times of the rakehell Earl of Rochester*. In repertoire with *The Man of Mode*.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Tonight, 7.30pm.

☐ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR**: Terry Hands's first *production here, after his long time in* charge of the RSC. Denis Quilley plays the fat knight outwitted by the wives (Brenda Bruce and Geraldine Fitzgerald)
National (Olivier), South Bank SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. Ⓢ

☐ **THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL**: Award-winning performance from Lilo Baur in Simon McBurney's thrilling production on the loves and anguish of peasant life. Theatre de Complicite begin an international tour with five weeks here
***Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue,* WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, *Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.* Ⓢ

■ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA**: Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival of Kurt Weill's opera. Tom *Hollander sings Macheath and words by* the team of writers customarily known as "*Bertolt Brecht*".
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, *WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm,* mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ◩ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) . . ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: *Prince Edward (0171-734 8951)* . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (0171-494 5045) . . ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) . . ☐ **Hamlet**: Gielgud (0171-494 5065) . . ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . ☐ **Neville's Island**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . ■ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ☐ **On Approval**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) ◩ **Only the Lonely**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) . . ◩ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) ◩ ***The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie***: Strand, final week (0171-930 8800) ☐ ***The Queen and I***: Vaudeville, *until* Feb 4 (0171-836 9987) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . ◩ **The Sisters Rosensweig**: Old Vic (0171-928 7616) . . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) ☐ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . ■ **Three Tall Women**: Wyndhams (0171-369 1736) ☐ ***The Woman in Black***: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BARCELONA (12): Whit Stillman's successor to *Metropolitan*, an agreeable *blend of romance, politics and disco* dancing, set during the early 1980s. With *Taylor Nichols and* Chris Eigeman
Odeon Haymarket (01426-915353)

◆ ***ONLY YOU** (PG): Marisa Tomei* chases the man of her dreams through Italy. *Lazy blend of comedy, romance* and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

SILENT TONGUE (12): Loquacious folly about troubled lives out west, from writer-director Sam Shepard. With Richard Harris, Alan Bates and River Phoenix.
MGM Shaftesbury (0171-836 6279)

SUTURE: Hypnotic melodrama with avant-garde trimmings from new American film-makers Scott McGehee and David Siegel.
Everyman Ⓢ (0171-435 1525) **ICA** Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

CURRENT

AMATEUR (15): Amnesiac pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15): Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Uma Thurman heads a cameo-strewn cast
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18): Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) ***MGMs: Baker Street*** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) ***Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)* **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **PRINCESS CARABOO** (PG): Airy, *amusing historical diversion*, with Phoebe Cates as the mysterious girl believed to be a Far Eastern princess. With Jim Broadbent, John Lithgow, Stephen Rea and Wendy Hughes.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

LA REINE MARGOT (18): Bloody, brooding, occasionally impressive French history lesson, with Isabelle Adjani and Daniel Auteuil.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **SHALLOW GRAVE** (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs Kerry *Fox, Christopher Eccleston and Ewan* McGregor.
***Clapham Picture House** (0171-498* 3323) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15): Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Empty concoction that wastes its stars. With James Woods, Eric Roberts, Rod Steiger. Director, Luis Llosa.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun; with Jaye Davidson. Director, Roland Emmerich.
***Clapham Picture House** (0171-498* 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **WES CRAVEN'S NEW NIGHTMARE** (15): Inventive riff on the "Elm Street" movies from the original's creator, director Wes Craven. With Robert Englund, Heather Langenkamp
Odeon Mezzanine Ⓢ (01426 915683) **West End** (01426-915 574)

Pride of London's streets

Irving Penn's photographs capture the dignity of British tradesmen in the 1950s, Guy Walters writes

It is not such a long time since 1950, but after perusing Irving Penn's portraits of London's small tradesmen one would think it was. "Progress" has replaced the lorry washer, the locomotive fireman and the vehicle watcher. They are now as forgotten as the Victorian mushfaker: that excellent fellow *who would repair your* umbrella. Thanks to technology, we now have dirty lorries, trains that go too slowly, and car alarms that merely disturb the *sleeping*.

Penn's portraits of those in the small trades marked a sabbatical from his fashion photography. He began taking them for *Vogue* in Paris in the summer of 1950, continuing in London later that year. *He used a painter's studio in* Chelsea, and sent out helpers to find his subjects.

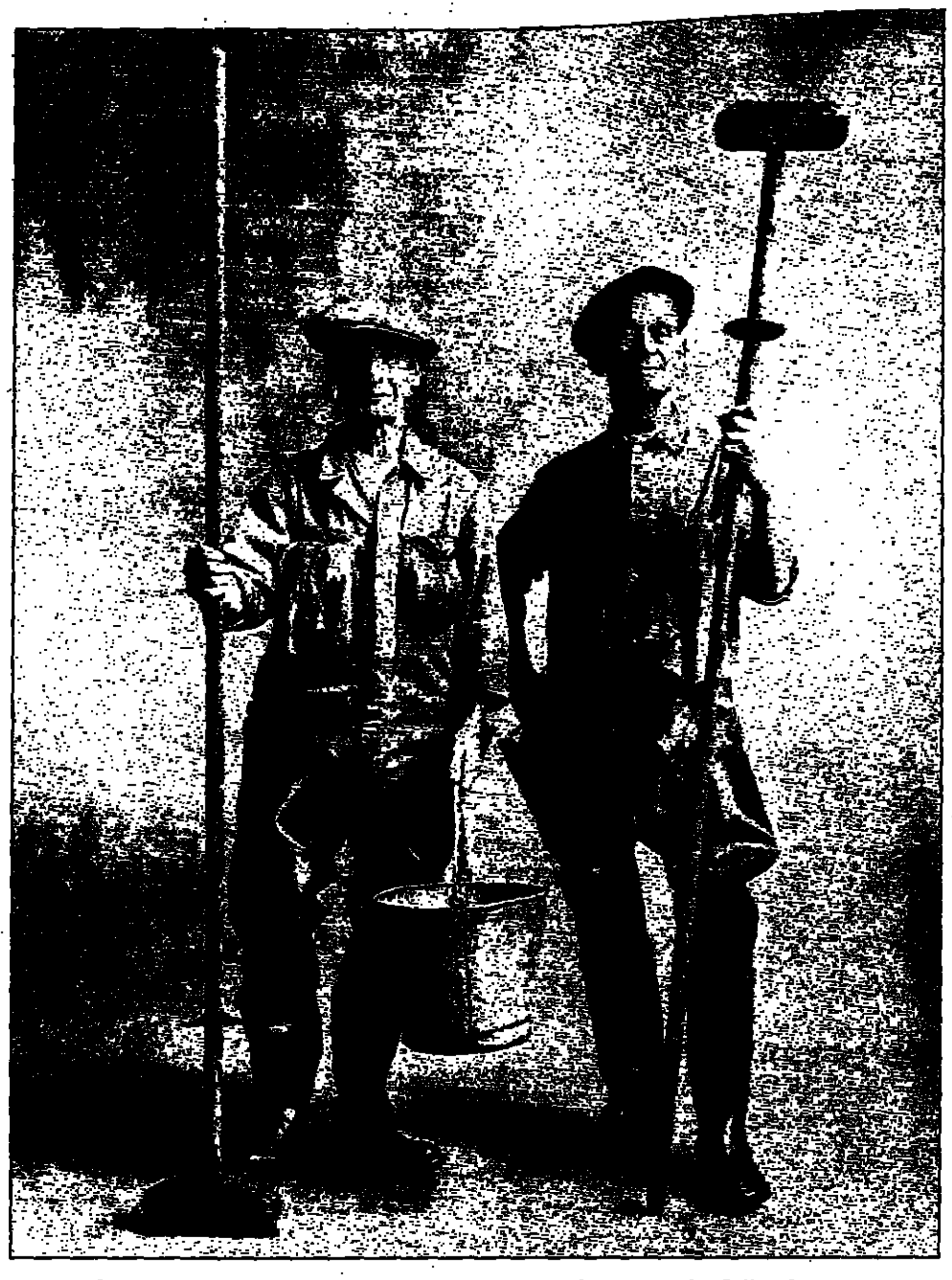
The Londoners were far more helpful than the somewhat *suspicious Parisians*, as Penn later wrote: "The Londoners were quite different *from the French. It seemed the* most logical thing in the world to be recorded in their work clothes. They arrived at the studio, always on time, and presented themselves to the camera with a seriousness and pride that was, quite *endearing*."

Those qualities shine through in Penn's portraits. The subjects were taken straight off the street, and Penn was careful to ensure that they did not alter their appearance for the better. *Lorry Washers* is a fine example. Both men stand erect, holding their brooms like medieval sentries holding their pikes. Their expressions display the pride that Penn writes about, although these two look more cheeky-chappy than serious.

It would have been easy for Penn to photograph his subjects looking unhappy with *their lot. Instead*, the coal man, the charwomen, the chamois seller, the rag-and-bone man and the navvy all display the dignity that Penn *captured in his celebrated* portrait of Cecil Beaton from the same year. It is the same dignity that he brought out of the inhabitants of Dahomey, New Guinea and Nepal; far-flung locations which Penn visited with a travelling *studio. Penn even found dignity* in cigarette butts found on New York streets.

Penn transferred the *small-trades project to* New York, where he found his subjects less helpful. There, the tradesmen arrived wearing their Sunday best, "sure this was their first step on the way to Hollywood", he wrote. The British examples display no such artifice. They are just as natural in front of the camera as *any of Penn's fashion models*, and under no illusion as to where they would be going after the last shot had been taken. Straight back to work.

● London Small Trades *runs at Hamiltons, 13 Carlos Place, London W1 (0171-499 9493) until Feb 25*



Irving Penn's *Lorry Washers*, 1950, first shown in *Vogue* the following year. The British workers showed little affectation, unlike their American counterparts

CONCERT: The leading clarinettist of his generation, 80 today, has not lost his youthful zest

Jack B nimble, Jack B quick

Brymer: effortless in both fingerwork and breathing

ECO/Watson
Barbican

What Jack Brymer called "Yet another of my coming of age concerts", when he thanked the audience at the outset for their attendance, became a testimony to his power of self-preservation as well as his artistry two days in advance of his 80th birthday.

As the leading clarinettist of his generation, perhaps of the century, he did not stint himself, or us, in performing three of the greatest masterworks of the clarinet repertory. "Maybe a prayer would be a good thing," he commented in advance of playing not only Mozart, of course, in *both the quintet and concerto form, but* also the F Minor Concerto (No 1) by Weber, which demands quite enough *puff from the soloist on its own*, never mind the flexible breath control and nimble fingerwork that was forthcoming in abundance for this, the first work he played.

With attentive support from Ian Watson conducting the English Chamber Orchestra, Brymer showed quickly he was still firmly in control of the music's ebullient character. He brought an affecting touch of melancholy to the limpid adagio movement, where Weber marks it *con duolo*, and never was there any hint of fudging of the slightest detail. He even threatened to outstrip the orchestra in the cheerful rondo finale.

Mozart after the interval first brought the Clarinet Quintet, for which *Brymer had invited the gifted Medici* Quartet (with whom he has recorded it). "Chamber music is the music of friends," he reminded us, and at every turn there was a suggestion that the phrases went this way or that not just because that was the way they were written, but because the musicians were caressing the notes as much as playing them.

Candour compels me to comment that the following Concerto was not among its best performances. The orchestral playing was too often perfunctory and not as finely honed as it might be. And the soloist began to pull away a fraction in the ravishing adagio movement.

But Brymer's instinctive elegance, though visibly tiring, never lost that "pleasurable effortlessness", as the actor Timothy West put it in a brief spoken tribute afterwards, when the hero of the hour was formally presented with a new portrait by David Ealy, and himself cut a lavishly iced birthday cake baked by Jane Asher.

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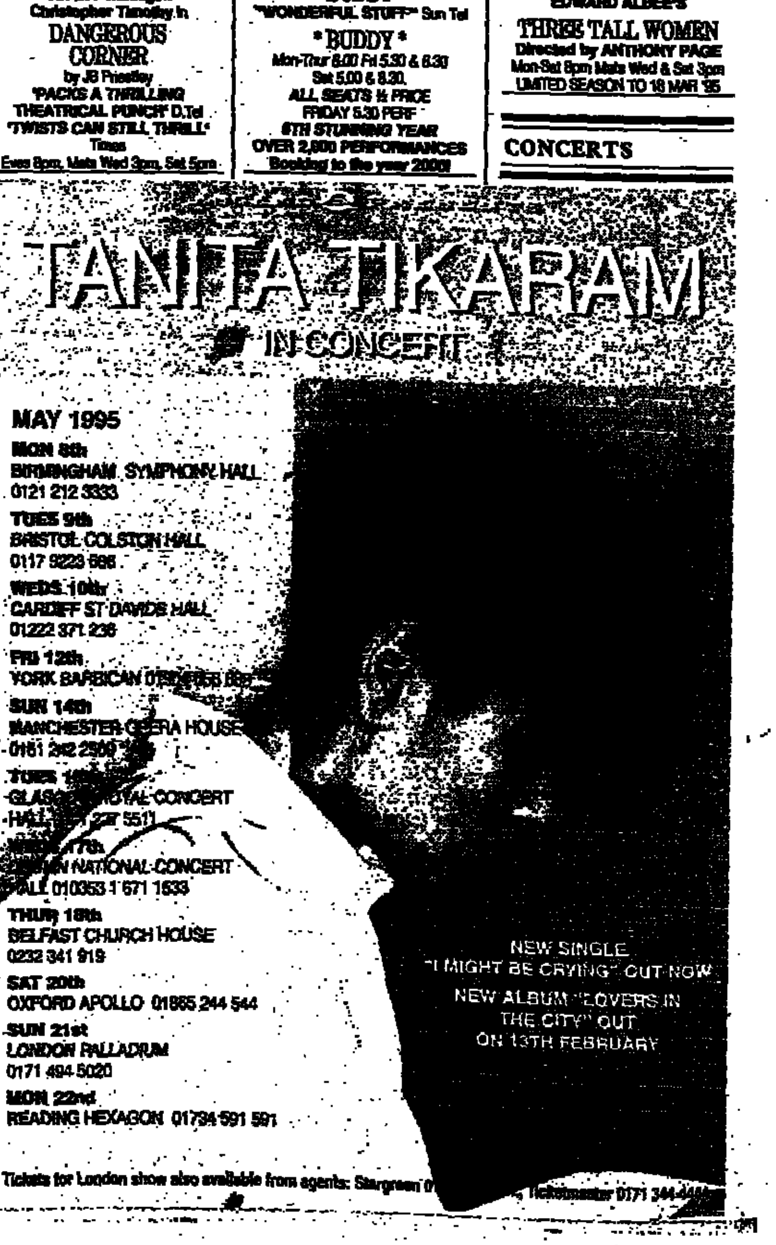

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POP ON FRIDAY: Knocking the Brats; Simple Minds return; a national institution lives; McAlmont's debut

The whole evening is one big Blur

Winner takes all in this year's predictable Brat awards. Can't the judges be more imaginative?

CAITLIN MORAN

Obviously someone was a little jumpy it might be the Mercury Awards all over again.

As you may recall, last year the Mercury Award — a little matter of £25,000 and a statue shaped like a fork — was won by M People, something the odds-on favourites Blur were none to pleased about: guitarist Graham Coxon overturned his table, and the band ended up giving away their "Runners-Up" statue, presumably in disgust over the judges' decision.

The next day, and for a long and weary month after, the papers were full of various music critics' puzzlement over the adjudication, and industry parties were always slightly tense, in case the pineapple-headed singer from M People and Graham Blur found themselves next to each other at the bar. Those were grim, grim days.

So this week, the judges at the *NME* Brats Awards, obviously mindful that breaches of the peace command hefty fines nowadays, and rather fond of the decor at the Empire, Leicester Square, played it safe by giving all they had to Blur. Best Video? Yeah, sure lads. Best Album? Go on. Best Single? It's on the side there, help yourselves. Best Band? Why not — do you want fries with that? And how about a carrier bag to put them all in?

However, as commend*able as the Brats are — and* they are; the lack of nominations for Kate Bush or Eric Clapton at *any* awards ceremony is enough to gladden my heart, even on the rainiest of Thursdays — there is still the numbing categorisation and tokenism that every Music Industry Sports Day seems to bring out in the judges of these things.

Although the staff of *NME* would probably be the first to admit that their paper is still, primarily, The White Middle Class Indie Music Weekly, for an award ceremony as high profile as this, it is a little disappointing to see all of 1994's rap, hip-hop, G-funk, techno, ragga, jungle, ambient and trip-hop output under the two catchalls of "Best Rap Act" and "Best Dance Act" — particularly when Portishead won the "Best Dance Act" gong.

Portishead specialise in heavy-lidded, four-in-the-morning hopelessness and obsession — they're basically The Smiths with the bass turned up — and the chances that anyone has ever done anything more strenuous and rhythmic to their album than smoke a cigarette are distinctly slim.

So why were they in the "Dance Act" category? Because they're not white-boy indie music, and therefore need to be shoved into the nearest pigeon-hole the judges could find.

Similarly, the "Best Album" nominations could also have doubled-up as the "Most Popular Band T-shirts on the Streets of Britain Today" and the "Most Posters Sold in HMV" award, with Suede, Blur, Pulp, Manic Street Preachers, Oasis and Nirvana all predictably, if commendably, present.

We need award ceremonies that truly inspire — it would be marvellous if, some time in the future, a high-profile shindig such as the Brats gave the "Best Album" trophy to a record we didn't all know by heart, and that wasn't pumping out of the speakers in Top Shop 24-hours-a-day.

After several magazines named Portishead's *Dummy* their Album of the Year, it went straight back in the charts at No 3. Award ceremonies work — they can make a band famous; they put previously unknown artists on the same footing as creaky old men in stinky trousers, like Meat Loaf.

It's time for organisers of award ceremonies to decide whether they want to go for simple back-slapping sessions: or really commend and reward artists of the future. The Brats have their hearts in the right place. Let's hope that next year, their votes are too.

And not a sausage for M People. How strange.

Time for a change: Charlie Burchill (left) and Jim Kerr, the duo known as Simple Minds, have a newly-relaxed attitude to life these days — they've even grown their hair

Only the best will do now

With a new album out next week, and a British tour set for March, Simple Minds are back in business, as **Alan Jackson** reports

Pop stars dress differently from you and me, and today Jim Kerr is looking extraordinarily splendid in the sort of crushed velvet pants 'n' shirt-type ensemble, bottle green and black, that could make even Michael Hutchence weep with envy. Feeling horribly drab by comparison, — grey, even Dries Van Noten grey, is such an un-rock 'n' roll colour — I offer a compliment, hand-on-heart sincerely. "Christmas presents," he responds, with the hint of a twinkle in his eye. "You've got to wear 'em, *haven't you? Otherwise they think* you're not pleased." And so is revealed another truth: Santa brings groovier gifts to pop stars too.

But if Kerr favours fabrics rarely worn in his city of birth, Glasgow, by other than party girls on a spree, at least he wears them well. Slim and fit-looking at 35, he is also enjoyably good company, amiable and frequently self-deprecating, a long hike from the dour and rather pompous personality that popular prejudice imagines it knows. Perhaps it is his three-year-old marriage to actress Patsy Kensit that has helped him to chill out ... Whatever the reason, he and his musical partner in Simple Minds, former school friend Charlie Burchill, seem to have a newly-relaxed attitude to life these days. Why, after years of neat and tidy stylings, they've even grown their hair.

"We've just had our first letter from a fan about the 'new look', and it's hilarious," Kerr grins, breakfasting at a Holland Park hotel before flying off to America to launch "She's a River", the comeback single that debuted convincingly at No 9 here at home this week. "It was so incredibly grumpy in tone: 'What do you think you're playing at? You look like a *couple of them awful New Age* travellers.' " "Hah!," those dismissive of the pair's unmistakable brand of important-sounding pop may say in response. "We always knew Simple Minds' audience was made up of people who press creases in their jeans and spray-starch their T-shirts." But change, albeit subtle, is on the way.

"We know a lot of people write us off as stadium-rockers, and we understand why," he continues. "We accept it too, because no one forced us to go along that route. It was our own choice." An odd one perhaps, given the fact that their first musical vehicle was a short-lived pub band with art-rock pretensions, Johnny and the Self-Abusers. But the ability to play live has always been crucial to Simple Minds' sense of self: as schoolboys, the two would skip classes to try and crew for visiting bands, any bands, just to feel themselves part of the whole sound-and-lights experience. And because chart acclaim was a long time coming — they were five albums into their career before they had a major hit single — this sustaining love of performing helped to build and maintain self-confidence.

"We couldn't get into the Top 40, *but we were able to prove to ourselves* that our music could work before a vast audience by getting on to the bill for all those giant European festivals you get in the summer," Kerr explains. "You might have Van Morrison or Elvis Costello headlining, even though the size of event wasn't always suitable for their music. Yet somehow, despite the fact that these huge crowds hadn't come specifically to hear us, the dynamic of our songs seemed to work in such circumstances. We felt we were on the threshold of something, and when success allowed us to fill big venues by ourselves, we were keen to step through the door, however uncool our contemporaries deemed it to be.

"In retrospect, maybe we should have thought more about the consequences," he then concedes. "Probably the only time you saw Simple Minds on TV was against a backdrop of millions of people at events like Live Aid or Mandela Day, for example, and the image stuck in people's minds. Essentially, it was a very 1980s mentality ... big, bigger, biggest."

But now it's the 1990s, and the prevailing zeitgeist is that conspicuous display is vulgar. Suitably, then, Kerr and Burchill have responded by *shrugging off their additional band* members, opting instead to bring in session players for recording and touring, and have also changed management. And in the three-and-a-half-year lay-off since their last LP, 1991's patchy, disappointing *Real Life*, they have concentrated hard on their songwriting partnership. The result is a new album, *Good News from the Real World*, released on Monday by Virgin, that represents their freshest, most consistent work in a decade.

"Without realising it, we'd gone on to autopilot," Kerr admits. "It had become a case of, 'If it sounds impressive, we'll leave it at that'. But this time we threw down the gauntlet to ourselves. If we couldn't offer better songs than we'd done before, we weren't interested." The consequent tracks — recorded in Los Angeles with Keith Forsey, architect of their 1985 US No 1, 'Don't You (Forget About Me)' — hardly represent "Simple Minds: Unplugged": they are big and busy and still full of trademark swagger. But one rolls into the next with an energy you'd forgotten them capable of and, against the chiming tones of Burchill's guitar, Kerr's voice is revealed anew as one of the most stirring and assured in British pop.

At a time when most other artists with a similar track record would be settling for at-home photo spreads in *Hello!* rather than any re-engage*ment with their muse, Kerr remains* palpably in love with the idea of making music. "I try to avoid all the 'Seen arriving at this or that premiere with his lovely wife' stuff," he says, of an otherwise determinedly low profile. "There are events she has to go to simply because they're part of her job, but I tend to view them as the antithesis of mine. And then there's the personal naffness monitor."

A man not only with his feet on the ground then, but also — it is revealed when he crosses his legs and a gap emerges between boot top and velvet trouser hem — very un-pop starry white sports socks on those feet. An endearing touch, that.

- *Simple Minds are at the Sheffield Arena (March 20), Manchester G-Mex (March 21), Birmingham NEC (March 23-24), and Wembley Arena (March 26-27)*
- *Simple Minds' new album is reviewed in The Times tomorrow*

Dizzying cocktail from Thieves' den

NEW ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** watches the sun rise on the solo recording career of David McAlmont

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McALMONT's debut album has been subject to more delays than the Channel Tunnel. But now, at last, the world can discover for itself what all the fuss is about.

In a life that has taken him from his birthplace in Croydon via a childhood in Guyana and back to the London pub circuit as one half of the duo Thieves, singer David McAlmont has absorbed a dizzying cocktail of influences. Those that are most detectable include Marvin Gaye, David Bowie, the Cocteau Twins and Joni Mitchell, whose composition "Conversation" from *Ladies Of The Canyon* he reinvents here as a gay love song.

It is a stylish and seductive collection, and if anything the production (by Ed Buller, Paul Sampson, McAlmont and his former partner in Thieves, Saul Freeman) is rather too lavish for such a new talent. With his syrupy, falsetto voice gently cushioned by the most sophisticated of modern, electro-soul arrangements, songs such as "Is It Raining?" and the current single "Either" swirl like banks of clouds, their lyrics hinting at vague thoughts that exist on a plane some distance above the heads of mere mortals: "Either here and now is too long/Easier changes mine."

At other times he can be disarmingly uncomplicated. "He loves you and I remember when/He looked at you and you felt the same," he sings in "He Loves You" with that heart-tugging quiver that is his most appealing trademark.

No ordinary soul singer or lover man, McAlmont is a talent to be negotiated on his own terms. And now that he has arrived, it doesn't sound as if he will be gone in a hurry.

THE WOLFGANG PRESS
Funky Little Demons
(4AD CAD 4016)

HAVING ploughed a long and lonely furrow on the arty/indie margins of rock since the release of their debut album, *The Burden Of Mules* in 1983, the Wolfgang Press have suddenly found themselves thrust into the limelight thanks to the unlikely patronage of Tom Jones. The bellowing boyo included two of their songs on his acclaimed comeback album, *The Lead And How To Swing It*, and his impromptu appearances at one or two of their gigs brought a touch of hip-swivelling hoopla to the group's otherwise rather dour and introverted persona.

The resulting attention has come at an opportune moment, given that *Funky Little Demons* — which has nothing to do with Jones — is the most enjoyable and broadly accessible collection of songs the north London trio have come up with yet. On the single, "Going South", Michael Allen's sepulchral voice is married to an upbeat, funk-rock groove with a result which sounds as if Nick Cave had wandered into an INXS session.

Thoughts of an equally unlikely alliance between T Rex and Lou Reed are conjured by the rocky riff and deadpan vocal of "She's So Soft", while the sinister synth-pop of "Blood Satisfaction" and "Derek The Confessor" would not have sounded out of place on the first Tindersticks album.

VAN HALEN
Balance
(Warner Bros 9362-45760)

THE dictates of fashion, logic or just plain decency would suggest that Van Halen's days of ascendancy would long be over by now. But no. They topped the American chart with each of their last three albums, and will probably do it again with *Balance*.

A throwback to the days when heavy rock meant chests and trousers puffed tight, Van Halen's songs all start with a preliminary statement of the riff swiftly followed by an introductory peacock yelp from singer Sammy Hagar. The numbers quickly build up a juggernaut impetus, irrespective of tempo, and explode at some point into a squealing guitar solo.

Extraordinarily, given that it is such a hidebound formula, they still find some pretty neat twists. And say what you will, Alex Van Halen's two-minute percussion solo, "Doin' Time", is superb.

LITTLE AXE
The Wolf That House Built
(Wired Recordings/M&G WIRED 27)

RHYTHM sections don't come much more decorated than Skip McDonald (guitar), Doug Wimbish (bass) and Keith LeBlanc (drums), veterans since the early 1970s of the Sugarhill House Band, Adrian Sherwood's Tackhead and individual sessions without number.

Their latest project, Little Axe is a brave and wily attempt to link the raw spirit of the blues to the multicultural roots music and sci-fi technology of the 1990s. Unfortunately, no matter how artfully they pin all the different bits together, it ends up sounding like a bunch of highly accomplished musicians with a surfeit of effects pedals, badly in need of a tune.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	The Colour Of My Love	Celine Dion (Epic)
2	Carry On Up The Charts	Beautiful South (Go! Discs)
3	Dummy	Portishead (Go! Discs)
4	Definitely Maybe	Oasis (Creation)
5	Always and Forever	Eternal (EMI)
6	Pulp Fiction	Various (MCA)
7	Behind Closed Doors	Thunder (EMI)
8	Crocodile Shoes	Jimmy Nail (East West)
9	Parklife	Blur (Food)
10	Balance	Van Halen (Warner Brothers)

Compiled by MRIB

CONCERT: A display of versatility from an undervalued veteran

Not just an old folkie

Richard Thompson
Corn Exchange,
Cambridge

Richard Thompson is becoming a national institution. He has been around for more than 25 years, first as a member of Fairport Convention and subsequently as a solo artist. But like other monuments — Nelson's Column, the Tower of London — he is more appreciated by tourists and pigeons than by the locals.

It seems appropriate, therefore, that his current tour is bracketed with a tribute album, to be released next month, in which the great and the good of American rock — REM, Bonnie Raitt, Los Lobos, David Byrne — perform *his* songs. The British representation is confined mainly to Maddy Prior and June Tabor, two stalwarts of the folk scene. In the United States, he's a rock artist: at home, he's an old folkie.

On stage in his patchwork waistcoat and beret, with only Danny Thompson (no relation) on double bass to accompany him, it seems as if he is conforming to type, but as he reels off his extraordinary repertoire, the folk image is shattered. He never settles long into one style. The hesitant beauty of "Easy There, Steady Now" from his recent *Mirror Blue*, is followed by strutting rock and slow waltzes, polkas and Irish ballads.

As the songs flow by, it is hard not to be mesmerised by the skills on display. But there is no ostentation. Like Richard Thompson's voice, which seems fuller and deeper in concert than on record, the skills are always subservient to the song.

And the evening is littered with fine songs, none better than those portraying the anguish of frustrated lives, when the victims' sadness is salted with bitterness: the war veteran of "Al Bowlly's in Heaven", the Elvis fan of "From Galway to Graceland".

The sentiments may often be gloomy, but the show is not. Whatever the mood, the rhythms and melodies are busy being beautiful. And in between, the Thompsons tease each other, striking poses and pulling faces like two seasoned patomime dames. When singer Christine Collister joins them, they mimic The Bachelors before giving a luscious version of "Wall of Death".

Each new Richard Thompson record provokes the same speculation: will this one launch him into the big time? The tribute album will add fuel to this tired flame. But he will probably continue as a neglected monument, acknowledged but under-appreciated until it is too late. It is a thought that he, too, entertains. "Now I'm dead," he sings, "I'm making a living."

JOHN STREET

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Big names struggle in Hallberg's shadow

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN MANILA

YOU would have thought that one of the world-famous golfers imported to the Philippines at considerable expense would take the lead in the first round of the Johnnie Walker Classic, but not a bit of it. The tournament that includes six of the world's top ten and eight of the top 13 players is being led by a man who is ranked No 623.

Mats Hallberg, of Sweden, outscored Greg Norman, Nick Price, Fred Couples, Ernie Els, Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie and David Frost at The Orchard course outside Manila. Hallberg, who has twice finished second in tournaments in Europe, had a 69, three under par, to lead by one stroke from a group of five that includes Joakim Haeggman, of Sweden, Andrew Coltart, one of Scotland's Dunhill Cup team in 1994, and Paul Eales, the winner of last year's Extremadura Open.

Hallberg, 30, has been untouched by fame in his career as a professional golfer. "I have been struggling for some years," he said.

"Do you mean financially or with your golf?" he was asked.

"When you struggle with your golf, you struggle financially," he replied.

For once, almost everyone but Hallberg struggled on the 7,016yd course. There were two reasons. It was made to play even longer by the effect of a strong wind and made yet more difficult by the firmness of its greens, which were unreceptive to any but the shortest of shots. One player after another spoke of the difficulty of the course.

Ballesteros signed for a 73 and was grateful that it was not more. Els ran up a seven on a par four hole on the way to a 78. Norman had a six on the par four 9th and took a 72, as did Couples. Montgomerie, 73, complained of having difficulty in breathing and retired to his hotel room immediately after his round.

Price landed a 100-yard approach shot with a sand wedge short of a green and watched it run nearly 30 yards and over the back. It was as if he was playing on a links course in Britain instead of one designed by Arnold Palmer in the Far East.

"I can't remember the last time that happened to me," Price said, "and it wasn't as if I got a flier from the rough. I was playing from the middle of the fairway."

Still, the travails that were visited on these players were as nothing compared with those that confronted Raymond Burns, 21, from Northern Ireland.

Burns finished joint-eighth last week in his first tournament on the European Tour, only to crash to earth with an 84 in the first round of his second.

One week ago, Burns started the Desert Classic with a 67 and ended the tournament an aggregate of 13 under par and £10,000 the richer. After such a performance, it had seemed a good idea to watch the most promising young man to emerge from the Warrenpoint area.

Burns, who puffs furiously on a cigarette between shots, holds his hands very low at the address, has a strong grip and a flowing swing. His approach appears as uncomplicated on the course as it is off it. He walks up to the ball and hits it.

"What did you learn from finishing eighth-equal in Dubai?" Burns was asked.

"Not to stay up until two o'clock in the morning playing cards" he said.

Just in case Burns thought that golf was an easy, he now discovered it to be anything but. He had four bogeys, two double bogeys and an eight on one of the shortest par fours on the course. His round included a missed 12-inch putt, playing the wrong ball and twice hitting into water that is such a prominent feature on this course. It was his worst score since a pre-qualifying round in the 1993 Amateur Championship.

In a game in which mental control plays such an important role, no lasting advantage is gained without adversity. Yesterday's experience should have done him a world of good.

FIRST ROUND

(GB and Ire unless stated) 69: M Hallberg (Swe). 70: A Coltart, P Eales, M Ramayah (Malaysia), S Grappasonni (It), J Haeggman (Swe). 71: P Senior (Aus), P-U Johansson (Swe), R Allenby (Aus), N Price (Zim), R Chapman, S Torrance. 72: M Davis, I Aoki (Japan), S Watson, G J Brand, F Couples (US), G Norman (Aus), D Clarke. 73: M A Martin, I Palmer (SA), P Broadhurst, C Montgomerie, S Ballesteros (Sp), O Rojahn (Nor), A Sorensen (Den), S Struver (Ger), C Casas (Phil), C Rocca (It), P Walton, B Ruangkit (Thai), P Talbot, S Gimson (Sing). 74: I Garrido (Sp), P O'Malley (Aus), R Drummond, C Cassells, R Karlsson (Swe), D Frost (SA), L Porter (US), S Cage, A Sherborne, M Lanner (Swe), M Campbell (NZ), M Gronberg (Swe), J Sandelin (Swe), P Gunasagaran (Malaysia), M Harwood (Aus), *Hong Chao-Yu (Taiwan), R Rafferty, B Langer (Ger), S McAllister, S Flesch (US).
* denotes amateur

Water sport that reaches absurd depths

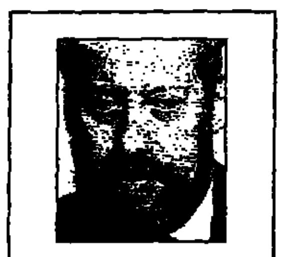
DENZIL McNEELANCE

Octopush, the ultimate in non-spectator sports, makes a splash at the Guildford Leisure Centre

It is like this: two teams of six, one lot dressed in swimming gear with white caps — the others wear black caps — all 12 with snorkels and flippers and white gloves reinforced with bath sealant to protect the knuckles and white or black hardwood sticks that look like boomerangs which failed their inspection, stand at the pool ends waiting for an official to say "go".

Then they dive under the water, as do two water referees, who wear red caps and have yellow rubber washing-up gloves on their hands. If you're watching, which would be foolish for this is the ultimate in non-spectator sports, you see an occasional flipper break the surface of the water and ever and anon players come up for air before going back down again.

We are asked to believe that at the bottom of the pool is a 3lb, solid, lead puck which looks like an outsize tin of gentlemen's relish and at each end a three metre wide metal gulley with a trough; that it is the aim of the teams to use their sticks to flick or push the puck into the opponent's trough, an event which is signalled by a raised yellow washing-up glove and acknowledged by the chief referee, who is out of the pool and rings a gong that reverberates under the water and persuades participants to come up, return to the side and wait for the command to continue.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

If this is a hoax, I fell for it. The people at Guildford Leisure Centre insisted that the game is called octopush (there used to be eight in a team) and is regulated by the British Octopush Association (BOA), the controlling body of underwater hockey in the United Kingdom; that there are over 100 British teams spanning the social spectrum; and every two years a world championship. Last year this was held in Normandy and in the women's division we beat the French 1-0; got stuffed 16-0 by the South Africans. In world rankings, the United Kingdom is third behind Australia and South Africa.

A game takes 30 minutes, 15 minutes each half with two minutes for rest and repairs. It is veritably a game of two halves, especially in pools which slope. Crystal Palace, Ealing, Manchester and Sheffield are the only four locations that have evenly bottomed pools.

Goodness, what else can one say?

The flippers worn by players are longer and more flexible than those worn by divers.

The sticks, which are whittled by players and can be of any hardwood of their choice, have a 15-degree bevel on each edge so that you can flick from the outside, scoop from the inner ... and it is a non-contact sport, not that one would notice an underwater assault until the blood rose to the top.

Touching the puck with anything but the stick wins the other side a free puck and if a foul is committed in the goal area, it is a penalty. Simple contest: two attackers against one defender. They usually score.

Teams may have four substitutes who can go in as soon as an injured or weary player comes out; subbing on the fly, this is called, and although I was unable to find a copy, there is — they insist — a quarterly magazine called *Octopush News* with a print run well into three figures.

What a lot I do not know about.

'It is veritably a game of two halves especially in pools which slope'

Clare Straiton is the development officer of the BOA. A sculptor of talent — I was shown her work and admired it a lot — she is a seasoned international, our foremost woman player, wears a shirt bearing the legend "UK Barbarian Underwater Hockey Team", which is a 100 per cent conversation-provoking logo. Should any reader have good lungs, a love of water, the ability to whittle 12-inch pieces of walnut into bespoke underwater hockey sticks (one white and one black) which fit the size of the hand ... and have no need for supporters because when you are underwater you can't hear anything (there is also the considerable problem of player identification) you should consult no one else.

The address is Culver Farm, Old Compton Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8EJ.

If you live within driving distance of Guildford, the Leisure Centre — clearly signposted from the A3 — is the jewel in the crown of leisure centres of the world and it makes money for the local authority.

Admission is 50p. Ice skating, netball, tenpin bowling, gymnasiums, pools, saunas, Jacuzzis, exercise classes, martial arts schools, squash, amusement machines and a host of other activities are good value extras. Cappuccino costs 70p. Glenfiddich single malt £1.39.

England's call leads Brown to rethink on retirement

Alix Ramsay meets a woman hockey player hoping to revive her international career

THERE is not much Karen Brown has not seen, done or won in hockey. Her record of 231 international caps, some won at World Cups, European Cups and Olympic Games, speaks for itself. So when she called it a day at top level in 1992, after winning an Olympic bronze medal with Great Britain, she had few regrets.

Now Maggie Souyave, the new England coach, has reawakened the old competitive instincts and Brown, at the age of 32, is making a comeback. With the European championships in June as her goal, she will test herself this weekend in two internationals against Russia at Bisham Abbey.

Despite all her experience and the fact she is still an exceptional player at club level with Slough — only last week she was voted player of the year by the Hockey Writers' Association — she is still nervous about the first game tomorrow.

"I had hoped it would be a quiet comeback at a training weekend," she said. "But with the award and the two internationals it is a lot bigger than I expected. I don't think I'm good enough, to be honest. I know I'm not as good as I was five or six years ago and we will see whether I'm still good enough to play for England. But I will know that before anyone else does."

Souyave, however, has faith. "She's got vast experience and she's a quality player. She'll be tremendously important to us off the field as well as on it. She can make other players play as well as herself."

Brown's decision to retire after the last Olympics was brought about by two factors. One was a chronic back problem that had plagued her throughout her career; the other was her banking career. In Barcelona, close to her thirtieth birthday, she felt the time had come to concentrate on her job with National Westminster.

Now, given the bank's blessing, she is ready to put her reputation on the line. "What have I got to lose?" she said. "If I don't get selected, nobody can take away from me what I have already achieved. The appetite is still there. It is the challenge of pitting yourself against the top players in the country and then, better still, playing against the best in the world.

Brown: new challenge

"When I first started everyone said I was too young," Brown said. "Now people say I'm too old. I can't alter that, so I don't think about it." Souyave, who is still playing club hockey at 41, is dismissive of the age factor.

"It is whether they are still mentally aware and want to be involved," she said. "Whether they want to pack their bags and go out and train. If that side is right then age is irrelevant."

At least with seven Slough players in the squad Brown will feel at home but, after two and half years away from international competition, the Russians are a mystery. "I'm looking at fitting into my own team without worrying about them," she said. "I'm looking forward to it but, come tomorrow and Sunday, I know I'll be nervous, but you know it's right when you're nervous."

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Everest to pull out of show jumping

EVEREST Double Glazing, the leading British showjumping sponsor for nearly 30 years, is pulling out of the sport at the end of the year (Jenny MacArthur writes).

The surprise announcement, after a decision by the company to bring "a fresh approach and new ideas" to promotional strategy, will leave Britain's three leading riders, Nick Skelton, Michael and John Whitaker, without a sponsor.

The company also supports Liz and Ted Edgar's Everest Stud, their daughter, Marie, and their former stable jockey, Geoff Luckett. Numerous competitions at county and national level were sponsored by Everest, including the National championships.

"Their withdrawal is a very serious business," Andrew Finding, the secretary-general of the British Show Jumping Association, said yesterday. "The National championships at Wembley and the three new team trials they introduced are a particular loss."

Ted Edgar, speaking from his Warwickshire yard, said he would have to "sell up" if he could not find a sponsor by the end of the year.

Jerry Gregeen, Everest's equestrian specialist, has been told by the company that she can have the rest of the year to concentrate on finding sponsors for the riders. Everest will release them before their contracts end if a sponsor is found.

Although the company has not disclosed the amount of money they have put into the sport, it is believed to run into several million pounds.

Wigan's Auckland warrior will play fast and loose

Christopher Irvine finds Henry Paul at one with Central Park

The night, a year ago, that Va'iga Tuigamala, the former All Black wing, made his home rugby league debut for Wigan, he had his thunder stolen by a fellow Aucklander — a young stick of inspiration called Henry Paul.

Paul lit up a workmanlike Wakefield Trinity side, and, beaten, Wigan were highly impressed. So much so that, although Paul was signed up by Auckland Warriors, Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, found a way of securing Paul on a four-year contract in exchange for Andy Platt.

Wigan felt that, at 31, probably the best years were behind Paul, the Great Britain prop. It was smart business: Platt would have brought a fee of £70,000 under the international transfer ceiling. Swapping Platt for someone of Paul's talent and versatility, especially being ten years his junior, was the "steal of the century", according to Robinson.

Paul, from the Te Atatu club, was the prodigious and outrageously confident captain of the 1993 Junior Kiwis touring side. It offered him a taste of what to expect in Great Britain. He stayed on and scored 111 points in 19 appearances for a Wakefield, but England was a staging post to a high-profile Winfield Cup career — until Wigan's intervention.

"Once Wigan were interested, loyalty to John Monie [the coach of Auckland] was the only thing keeping me with the Warriors," Paul said. "I feel now that I am at the greatest rugby league club in the world. I love the fact that the town ticks to whatever the club does."

Paul in training with Wigan yesterday for the Regal Trophy final tomorrow. Photograph: Barry Greenwood

Tomorrow is the first real day of reckoning for Paul. Wigan meet Warrington in the Regal Trophy final. "We're winning matches, but no prizes as yet," Paul said.

Once on the field, a case of lighting the blue touchpaper and standing back holds true, but, in five months at Wigan, Paul has matured. "Attack, attack, attack, I love it, except you have to temper that," he said. "Defending was probably my weakest area, one I'm continuing to work at, to the point where making the tackle is as satisfying as riding one."

The sinewy 5ft 11in frame is deceptive. There has been the odd on-field disciplinary scrape, but there are few finer sights in rugby league than Paul breaking tackles and haring into space. Utility player is a description that hardly does him justice: full back, stand-off half, centre, loose forward — "a favourite right now" — and sometimes as many as three of those roles in one game.

Tuigamala, a bull of a man compared with the whippet-like Paul, is both friend and training partner. They share a mutual admiration. "Inga is just one of those big lovable bears, a great player, the sort of Samoan we used to get at home coming at you like crazy coconuts," Paul said.

Although contrasting individuals, it is the smooth transition of the likes of Paul and Tuigamala into the side that ensures Wigan's sustained success, and in Paul, the club also has a ready-made goal-kicking replacement for Frano Botica, who leaves for Auckland in May.

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Weather brings chaos to jumping calendar

A MIXTURE of rain and snow has again created havoc with the National Hunt programme, yesterday's Wincanton fixture being the only survivor so far this week.

Yesterday's meeting at Huntingdon was called off at a 7.30am inspection after half an inch of rain had waterlogged the course, while today's scheduled meetings at Doncaster (snow) and Folkestone (waterlogging) were both lost yesterday.

Tomorrow's Uttoxeter card has already been called off, while the meeting at Doncaster, which features the Worthington Best Bitter Great Yorkshire Chase, is subject to a 2pm inspection today. Charlie Moore, the clerk of the course at Doncaster, said yesterday: "We are cautiously optimistic for Saturday's card, however, as the wind is forecast to change direction during the day."

Cheltenham report no problems for their fixture tomorrow, where the ground is heavy, while hopes are high that Ayr will also go ahead.

The weather is no better in Ireland, where the AIG (Europe) Irish Champion Hurdle, postponed from last weekend, is scheduled to be run at Leopardstown on Sunday. There is an inspection at 12 noon today at Leopardstown, but should the course be waterlogged, the meeting will be switched to Fairyhouse.

Tom Burke, assistant clerk of the course at Leopardstown, said yesterday: "Conditions have improved but further heavy rain is forecast later tonight. A decision on whether to proceed will be made by 12 noon. In the event of Leopardstown being unable to race, the fixture will be transferred to Fairyhouse on Sunday."

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Nap: Don't Drop Bombs
(4.20 Wolverhampton)
Next best: Gold Blade
(1.20 Wolverhampton)

CARL RUTHERFORD

Micky Hammond escapes to his Range Rover for a welcome respite from the biting cold as his string works on Middleham's snow-covered gallops

Hammond's resolve defies the odds

Richard Evans meets a northern trainer determined to make his mark at the top southern courses

MOST people would have given up or not even bothered to try. After slipping and sliding on the steep, snow-covered incline leading from his yard at breakfast time yesterday, Micky Hammond managed, at the sixth attempt, to manoeuvre his four-wheel drive Range Rover through the narrow gateway leading up to the gallops on Low Moor.

To his left, a Land Rover, whose driver had been less determined, or perhaps not so fortunate, remained abandoned in the more than eight inches of his snow which had fallen during the night. Penhill, set high above the north Yorkshire training centre of Middleham, was obscured by fresh, horizontal flurries and all that remained in view was a set of starting stalls, silhouetted against a giant white carpet, and the dozen horses making up second lot from Hammond's Tupgill Park stables.

"We must be mad standing out here," he chuckled as Sir Peter Lely, the stable's runner in the Worthington Best Bitter Great Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster tomorrow, trotted through the snow and biting wind. Maybe, but without that streak of bravado in his make-up it is doubtful whether Hammond would have ever had a snowball's chance in hell of standing there in the first place, let alone becoming one of the most exciting, and more unlikely, young training talents in the land.

Born 32 years ago, the eldest son of a bricklayer, Hammond was brought up in the Surrey village of Albury, near Guildford, and left school at the age of 16 without a qualification to his name. Not exactly the ideal preparation for any job, even less one in the often privileged world of racehorse training.

Despite the absence of any family involvement in racing, from the age of 11 Hammond regularly accompanied his parents and two younger brothers to weekend and bank holiday meetings at nearby Epsom and Kempton Park for a family day out. After the thrill of 50 pence bets and following the ITV Seven, the dream of being a Flat jockey slowly dawned "despite having never sat on a pony, donkey or a horse".

Weighing in at under seven stone, and barely five feet tall, Hammond decided, somewhat to the regret of his teachers and parents, to leave school before sitting examinations so he could join T. M. "Buck" Jones, who trained in the village, as an apprentice Flat jockey. "My parents were keen on me becoming an accountant, and I don't mean a turf accountant."

After learning to ride, he had just three efforts on the Flat before weight problems prompted him to join Hugh O'Neill's jumping yard at Dorking as a stable lad. Subsequently, he obtained a conditional jockey's licence and four winners came in his first season, followed by 16, 14, and then back to four. Despite the modicum of success, Hammond was almost back to square one as he traipsed around the Fontwells, Plumptons and Folkestones of the jumping circuit.

At the age of 23, and with little to lose, Hammond pre-empted Norman Tebbitt by getting on his bike and going north. "I didn't take a great deal of persuading because I was struggling down south and I was actually thinking of doing something in the building trade and quitting race-riding."

Ultimately a horse which he had ridden to victory in a seller led him to Middleham when it was sent by the owner to George Moore, who was then training at Kingsley House, now the base of Mark Johnston. A victory on the opening day of the season at Market Rasen got the combination off to a dream start and they never looked back.

By the end of 1989 Hammond had not only acquired a reputation as one of the most stylish jockeys, but also one of the most effective. However, with 231 wins to his credit, and still only 27 years old, he again cast caution to the wind and announced his retirement so that he could train, despite being without a yard, horses or owners. "I would not fancy starting like that again," he laughed, "but I had a lot of youth and energy on my side and help from a lot of people."

Within a week of having his first runner in July 1990, Hammond was a winning trainer and he followed up a few days later by landing a £5,000 race at Newcastle. By Christmas of that year there was not an empty box in his yard and his combined tally of 224 Flat and National Hunt winners averages out at almost one a week since he gained a licence.

"I appreciate I have been lucky but, quite frankly, if things had not worked out as well as they have done, I would have been slightly disappointed. I set myself fairly high targets and you have to try to achieve them."

What makes Hammond's achievements all the more remarkable is that they have been accomplished, until relatively recently, with moderate horses. While Sir Mark Prescott probably has few betters when it comes to placing modest horses to win races, Hammond is not far behind him. For that reason, his success has tended to be confined to the northern tracks which offer slightly easier opportunities.

However, his sights are firmly fixed on the likes of Newbury, Cheltenham and Ascot when he has suitable ammunition. "We are gradually improving the quality of horse in the yard and when the time is right my plan is to aim for some of the big prizes at the southern tracks. That is my next target."

IN BRIEF

Success a risky business for Sainz

CARLOS SAINZ, of Spain, won the Monte Carlo rally for the second time yesterday, finishing with an advantage of 2min 25sec after starting the final night's driving with a fragile lead of 12sec over the defending champion, François Delecour, who was hampered by mechanical problems with his Ford Escort.

Hair-raising skids on treacherous mountain roads were a feature of Sainz's drive in his Subaru. "The only option was to attack all the time and that's just what I did," Sainz said. "You can't win here if you don't take risks."

Sainz was faster than Delecour in five of the night's six timed stages, but in the last two neither of them could match Juha Kankkunen, who was involved in a keen tussle for third place.

Before the final two sections, the Finn was 59sec behind his young compatriot, Tommi Makinen, but finished 44sec ahead of him, Makinen suffering gearbox problems with his Mitsubishi.

Kankkunen's late surge came as a relief for the Toyota team as its world champion, Didier Auriol, was forced to retire after a damaging skid.

Protest time

Yachting: The air of cordiality and co-operation that surrounded the America's Cup challengers during the first round-robin trials last week, dissolved into open warfare yesterday when Peter Blake's *Team New Zealand* protested over the modifications carried out by the Japanese to their latest boat *Nippon '94*.

The Japanese yacht, which finished third in the opening round of challenger trials, has had a new bow, stern and underbody grafted on to the original hull and is unrecognisable from the original design, which competed in the world championship last October.

The New Zealanders contend that the modifications are so extensive that to all intents and purposes, *Nippon '94* is a new boat.

Lara in demand

Cricket: Warwickshire want Brian Lara, the world record-breaking batsman, to make a one-match comeback for them next season. They are to ask the West Indies management to allow Lara to play for them in a one-day challenge match against a World XI to celebrate the county's unique achievement in winning three trophies last year.

Warwickshire are keen to see Lara, who scored 2,066 first-class runs for them in 1994, lining up alongside the South African fast bowler, Allan Donald, their overseas player next season. Shane Warne, of Australia, and the former West Indies skipper, Viv Richards, have confirmed they will play for the World XI.

Hall subdued

Badminton: England's Darren Hall and Anders Nielsen both bowed out of the men's singles in the second round of the Japan Open in Tokyo yesterday. Hall was beaten 10-15, 15-8, 15-12, by Ge Ching, of China, while Nielsen went down 15-12, 14-18, 15-8 to Lioe Tiong Ping, of Indonesia.

Christie first

Athletics: Linford Christie clocked 10.48sec in winning the 100 metres at an international meeting in Adelaide yesterday. The Olympic champion finished ahead of the Australians, Shane Naylor and Damien Marsh. Lisa Ondieki, of Australia, preparing for the London Marathon, won the women's 5,000m in 15min 39.43sec.

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Wincanton

Going: soft

1.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Royal Piper (A Tory, 16-1); 2, Oats N Barley (8-1); 3, Landed Gentry (13-2); 4, Jadidh (8-1). Lucky Blue 4-1 fav. 18 ran. NR: Prince Teaton. 3l, 6l. Mrs J Renfree-Barons. Tote: £16.80; £2.60, £1.90, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £70.80. Trio: £507.30 (0.29 winning tickets. Pool of £507.38 carried forward to 2.50 at Wolverhampton today) CSF: £114.24. Tricast: £858.94.

2.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Sunley Bay (Miss P Curling, 11-4 fav); 2, Cuddy Dale (5-1); 3, Cool And Easy (11-1). 12 ran. 4l, 1¾l. P Nicholls. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £2.00, £2.60. DF: £10.10. Trio: £17.70. CSF: £18.19. Tricast: £120.94

2.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Esdoubleyou (R Greene, 4-1); 2, Southerly Gale (6-4 fav); 3, Royal Irish (7-1). 19 ran. NR: Roucheal. 1¾l, 25l. Mrs J Renfree-Barons. Tote: £5.20; £1.90, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £5.30. CSF: £10.45.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Mint A Million (D Gallagher, 5-1); 2, Indian Temple (5-1); 3, Nordic Valley (1-2 fav). 9 ran. 11l, 1¾l. M Blanshard. Tote: £6.50; £1.80, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £15.20. CSF: £29.75.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, Medinas Swan Song (A Tory, 3-1); 2, Dr Rocket (6-1); 3, Hops And Pops (11-8 fav). 6 ran. Dist, dist. R Hodges. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £8.70. CSF: £19.59.

4.00 (2m hdle) 1, The Caumrue (A P McCoy, 5-1); 2, Fontanays (7-2); 3, Top Wave (3-1 fav). 11 ran. ½l, 7l. G Balding. Tote: £9.10; £2.60, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £19.00. Trio: £13.60. CSF: £23.00. Tricast: £57.42.

Placepot: £33.10. Quadpot: £4.10.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.10 (1m 2f) 1, Little Miss Ribot (Stephen Davies, 10-1); 2, Greek Gold (12-1); 3, Kedwick (9-4 fav). 10 ran. ¾l, 1½l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £8.00; £5.00, £2.00, £1.30. DF: £59.00. Trio: £222.10 (0.38 winning tickets. Pool of £190.89 carried forward to 2.50 at Wolverhampton today). CSF: £115.70. Tricast: £337.41.

1.40 (7f) 1, Mr Frosty (J Weaver, 11-4); 2, Portelet (2-1 fav); 3, Baily Wonder (16-1). 11 ran. 3½l, 5l. W Jarvis. Tote: £4.20; £1.20, £1.60, £4.60. DF: £7.10. CSF: £8.90.

2.10 (1m) 1, Masnun (A Clark, 2-1 fav); 2, Sweet Supposin (4-1); 3, Gallery Artist (12-1). 12 ran. 1½l, hd. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £3.80; £1.10, £3.40, £8.20. DF: £7.40. CSF: £11.69.

2.40 (1m 2f) 1, Shansi (R Street, 10-1); 2, Can Can Charlie (6-1); 3, Zuno Noelyn (10-11 fav). 10 ran. ½l, 1¾l. M Usher. Tote: £12.70; £2.90, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £26.30. Trio: £26.60. CSF: £68.38. Tricast: £98.70.

3.10 (5f) 1, Dolly Face (J Weaver, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Wasblest (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Bold Effort (5-2 jt-fav). 4 ran. NR: Deardaw. ½l, nk. W Muir. Tote: £2.70. DF: £4.90. CSF: £8.26.

3.40 (7f) 1, Moon Strike (J Weaver, 8-1); 2, Mad Welcome (9-2); 3, Digpast (5-1). Great Easel 4-1 fav. 11 ran. ½l, ¾l. W Jarvis. Tote: £17.90; £4.20, £2.70, £1.80. DF: £58.40. Trio: £120.80. CSF: £45.19. Tricast: £189.59.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, Head Turner (N Adams, 4-1); 2, Scalp 'Em (4-1); 3, My Minnie (7-4 fav). 11 ran. NR: Zonk. ½l, 3½l. C Wildman. Tote: £4.70; £1.20, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £8.80. CSF: £21.55.

Placepot: £75.50. Quadpot: £10.90.

□The meeting at Huntingdon was abandoned because of waterlogging.

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THUNDERER

12.50 Splash Of Salt
1.20 Gold Blade
1.50 Farndale
2.20 Wisdom
2.50 Eastleigh
3.20 OUR TOM (nap)
3.50 Mazilla
4.20 Don't Drop Bombs

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.50 SHUTTLECOCK.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 Buddy's Friend. 3.50 Mazilla.
4.20 DON'T DROP BOMBS (nap).

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

12.50 ANNESLEY LIMITED STAKES
(Div I: £2,537: 6f) (15 runners)

101 (1) 0010-50 ARC LAMP 6 (CD,F,G) (B Bruce) J Glover 9-8-11 R Cochrane 98
102 (2) 30050-0 BRISAS 16 (C,D,F,G) (C Fairhurst) C Fairhurst 8-8-11 J Fanning 84
103 (3) 00080-5 FARMER JOCK 6 (CD,F,G,S) (S Thompson) Mrs N Macauley 13-8-11 A Clark 81
104 (11) 45000-0 LAST STRAW 14 (V,D,G) (Martin Pound Racing) B Preece 7-8-11 Claire Balding (7) 80
105 (5) 501-254 MATTHEW DAVID 4 (B,D,G) (Mrs K Fogg) S Bowring 5-8-11 S D Williams 94
106 (10) 023035- PANTHER 43 (D,G) (Mrs E Milner) J Hetherton 5-8-11 N Kennedy 95
107 (9) 50050-4 SHADOW JURY 14 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs J Chapman) D Chapman 5-8-11 D R McCabe (5) 97
108 (8) 004/0 CHRISTIAN FLIGHT 11 (D Holland) S Gollings 6-8-6 DOUBTFUL –
109 (6) 8500-00 EFFICACY 4 (P Rowbottom) A Jarvis 4-8-6 N Varley (5) 75
110 (4) 0000-04 SPLASH OF SALT 4 (B,D,F,G) (S Brown) T Naughton 5-8-6 V Halliday (5) 94
111 (7) 5400-63 SWINGING TICH 4 (D,G) (D Gregory) B McMahon 6-8-6 S Sanders (5) ⊞

BETTING: 3-1 Shadow Jury, 5-1 Arc Lamp, 7-1 Panther, 8-1 Matthew David, Farmer Jock, 10-1 Splash Of Salt, Swinging Tich, 12-1 others.

1994 (run at Southwell): SECOND COLOURS 4-8-0 K Darley (9-4 fav) Mrs M Reveley 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARC LAMP about 2½l 5th of 15 to Lift Boy in claimer over course and distance on penultimate start. FARMER JOCK about 4½l 5th of 13 to Beckyhannah in handicap over course and distance, with ARC LAMP (7lb better off) about 3l 6th. LAST STRAW 6½l 10th of 25 to Admirals Realm in rated stakes at Nottingham (5f, good to firm): MATTHEW DAVID best effort this term ½l 2nd to Croft Pool in handicap at Southwell (6f).
PANTHER about 5½l 5th to Little Ibnr in rated stakes at Southwell (6f), with SHADOW JURY (3lb worse off) about 3½l 8th.
SHADOW JURY 9¾l 4th of 15 to Portend in handicap at Southwell (6f), with SWINGING TICH (10lb worse off) 1¾l 6th and LAST STRAW (21lb worse off) 5½l 11th.
SWINGING TICH 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Whittingham Girl in seller at Southwell (6f), with SPLASH OF SALT 1¾l 4th.
Selection: ARC LAMP (nap)

1.20 BALDERTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(Div I: £2,537: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

201 (7) 0028-13 TEMPERING 11 (D,F,G) (R Berenson) D Chapman 9-12-0 DOUBTFUL 91
202 (11) 46484-2 GOLD BLADE 14 (F,G) (Rochford Racing Ltd) J Pearce 6-11-11 Mrs L Pearce 89
203 (2) 5604-33 MODEST HOPE 14 (D,BF,F,G) B Richmond 8-11-1 Miss Diana Jones 90
204 (10) 21030-6 BLOWEDIFIKNOW 21 (D,G) (Fielding and Squires Ltd) J Wharton 5-10-8 S Walker 94
205 (9) 000/ REJECTS REPLY 449 (J Beckley) W Musson 5-10-6 T McCarthy –
206 (5) 0000-55 MIDLIN 7 (J Harris) J L Harris 5-10-4 I McLelland 97
207 (4) 0804-53 WICKLOW BOY 11 (V) (J Johnston) T Clement 4-10-4 V Lukaniuk 95
208 (1) 62406-6 JEAN DE FLORETTE 8J (J Purcell) R Emery 4-10-4 D Breen 90
209 (12) 2320/6-1 BOROCAY 11 (D,G) (Mrs S Camacho) M Camacho 7-10-1 M H Naughton ⊞
210 (6) 00/6000- KENTUCKY FLYER 43 (V) (Qualitair Ltd) J Bottomley 4-9-13 Miss P Robson 80
211 (3) 00/0/45- MAMALAMA 9J (P Riddick) B Llewellyn 7-9-12 Miss E J Jones (5) –
212 (8) 5580-52 MR MORIARTY 7 (D Bowring) S Bowring 4-9-12 Mrs M Morris 96

BETTING: 3-1 Borocay, 9-2 Gold Blade, 5-1 Modest Hope, 6-1 Wicklow Boy, 10-1 Mr Moriarty, 12-1 Blowedifiknow, 16-1 others.

1994: CHIEF OF STAFF 5-11-7 Mrs L Pearce (9-2) J Pearce 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

TEMPERING 2½l 3rd of 14 to Bardi-Oda in handicap at Southwell (1m 3f). GOLD BLADE 5l 2nd of 9 to Sudden Spin in amateurs handicap at Southwell (1m 3f), with MODEST HOPE (1lb better off) 1¼l 3rd. MODEST HOPE 4½l 3rd of 8 to Pharly Dancer in handicap at Southwell (1m 4f) on penultimate start, with BLOWEDIFIKNOW (1lb better off) 10l 6th. MIDLIN 7½l 5th of 13 to Killing Time in seller at Southwell (1m 3f).
WICKLOW BOY about 8½l 6th of 11 to Anab Spirit in handicap at Lingfield (2m) on penultimate start. BOROCAY beat Sharwari ½l in 17-runner apprentices maiden handicap at Southwell (1m 4f), with WICKLOW BOY 4l 3rd and MR MORIARTY head and 1¾l 5th.
MR MORIARTY neck 2nd of 6 to Stevie's Wonder in handicap at Southwell (1m 4f).
Selection: BOROCAY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Prescott	10	34	29.4	R Cochrane	10	54	18.5
W Haggas	3	11	27.3	A Clark	11	77	14.3
P Felgate	3	13	23.1	S D Williams	6	45	13.3
P Haslam	16	74	21.6	S Sanders	8	76	10.5
J Glover	4	20	20.0				
J Berry	18	104	17.3	Only qualifiers			

Southwell switches venue

THE all-weather Flat meeting scheduled for Southwell this afternoon has been switched to Wolverhampton. The Jockey Club gave permission for the move after hearing that, although the track was raceable, the car park and stable areas were flooded. "It was possible because the two courses are under the same management and both have a Fibresand surface," John Smee, of the British Horseracing Board's race planning department, said. "More than £100,000 of levy money was in jeopardy if the meeting hadn't been staged and we believe this is the best solution." The stewards at Wolverhampton will have *discretion to waive fines if trainers decide to withdraw horses.*

1.50 ANNESLEY LIMITED STAKES
(Div II: £2,537: 6f) (11 runners)

301 (11) 000-430 ALJAZ 13 (D,G) (R Dawson) D Thom 5-8-11 A Mackay ⊞
302 (8) 404500- CHADWELL HALL 130 (B) (D Bowring) S Bowring 4-8-11 C Teague (7) 76
303 (4) 004-323 CHEERFUL GROOM 4 (BF,F) (B Cahill) J Mackie 4-8-11 M Fenton 87
304 (7) 050-042 FARNDALE 5 (CD,G) (J Berry) J Berry 8-8-11 C Lowther (7) 80
305 (10) 0020U-0 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 4 (D,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 9-8-11 Dean McKeown 88
306 (5) 04400-0 MAKE THE BREAK 14 (B,D,F,G) (B Rogerson) S Coathup 4-8-11 S James (7) 78
307 (3) 0660-00 SAV-ED 4 (B) (T Lyons II) A Jarvis 6-8-11 T Ives –
308 (9) 6030-66 TENOR 11 (G Thompson) D Nicholls 4-8-11 Alex Greaves 94
309 (1) 560660- DAUNTLESS FORT 31 (V,D,G) (B Murray) B Murray 4-8-6 J Stack (5) 90
310 (6) 0/00006- MISS SIHAM 31 (F,G,S) (Ardsley Racing) J Balding 6-8-6 N Adams 80
311 (2) 60005-0 TWICE IN BUNDORAN 14 (G) (Wild Racing) P Felgate 4-8-6 P McCabe (5) 86

BETTING: 11-4 Aljaz, 7-2 Cheerful Groom, 9-2 Tenor, 6-1 Farndale, 8-1 Letsbeonestaboutit, 12-1 Miss Siham, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

ALJAZ 5¾l 3rd of 11 to Oubeck Martin in handicap at Southwell (7f). CHADWELL HALL about 8l 5th of 10 to Frisky Miss in claimer at Pontefract (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CHEERFUL GROOM 2¾l 3rd of 11 to Warwick Warrior in handicap at Southwell (6f), with SAV-ED (11lb worse off) 12½l 8th. FARNDALE ½l 2nd of 13 to Beckyhannah in handicap over course and distance. LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 11l 2nd of 9 to Whittingham Girl in seller at Southwell (6f). DAUNTLESS FORT 9½l 9th of 12 to Frisky Miss in claimer over course and distance. MISS SIHAM about 6l 6th of 10 to Matthew David in claimer at Southwell (5f).
Selection: FARNDALE

2.20 DANETHORPE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,537: 1m 100yd) (6 runners)

401 (3) 35520-4 ALMUHTARAM 16 (BF) (A Al-Maktoum) W Haigh 9-0 Dale Gibson ⊞
402 (1) 43- HARD TRY 32 (G Turnbull Ltd) M Camacho 9-0 L Charnock 92
403 (2) 00 SERGIO 11 (H Thompson) M Chapman 9-0 D R McCabe (5) –
404 (6) 0- WISDOM 181 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Ives –
405 (5) 0000-55 TYRELESS 4 (Town and Country Tyre Services Ltd) A Jarvis 8-9 N Varley (5) 82
406 (4) 00 VISUAL ILLUSION 18 (Consolico Ltd) B Rothwell 8-9 J Quinn –

BETTING: 5-4 Almuhtaram, 5-2 Hard Try, 7-2 Wisdom, 8-1 Tyreless, 16-1 Visual Illusion, 20-1 Sergio.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ALMUHTARAM best effort ½l 2nd of 14 to Rambo Waltzer in maiden auction at Southwell (7f). HARD TRY 4l 3rd of 7 to Komreyev Dancer in maiden over course and distance. SERGIO tailed off 11th of 13 to Legally Delicious in seller at Southwell (1m). WISDOM 11l 12th of 24 to Dr Edgar in maiden auction at Windsor (6f good to firm). TYRELESS 8½l 5th of 9 to Water Bebe in seller at Southwell (7f) on penultimate start. VISUAL ILLUSION tailed off 7th of 11 to Poly Road in claimer at Southwell (1m), with SERGIO (12lb better off) 10th.
Selection: ALMUHTARAM

2.50 CARLTON-ON-TRENT HANDICAP
(£3,153: £3,153: 1m 100yd) (9 runners)

501 (2) 0000-11 SHUTTLECOCK 7 (CD,G,S) (J Colling) Mrs N Macauley 4-10-0 (6ex) M Fenton ⊞
502 (8) 1020-63- BUDDY'S FRIEND 11 (D,F,G) (C Booth) R Williams 7-9-10 Sarah Thompson (7) 90
503 (1) 10-4423 HAWAII STORM 4 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Wheeler) Miss A Whitfield 7-9-6 R Painter (5) 93
504 (5) 0/3153-4 ZAHRAN 16 (F) (D Smith (Sash)) J Bradley 4-9-4 J Quinn 98
505 (7) 040-252 ORTHORHOMBUS 14 (B,F) (A MacGillivray) D Cosgrove 6-9-3 L Newton (5) 90
506 (6) 443-582 EASTLEIGH 17 (D,G,B) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 6-8-11 T Ives 94
507 (4) 5/6-04 SPANISH STRIPPER 7 (T Satchell) M Chapman 4-8-11 D R McCabe (5) 97
508 (9) 24000-5 ROYAL ACCLAIM 16 (V,D,F,G,S) J Bradley 10-8-8 Amanda Sanders (7) 82
509 (3) 0000-00 WAHEM 15 (B,D,F) (C Britain) C Britain 5-8-2 B Doyle 83

BETTING: 5-4 Shuttlecock, 5-1 Buddy's Friend, 6-1 Zahran, 8-1 Orthorhombus, Spanish Stripper, 10-1 Eastleigh, Hawaii Storm, 12-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SHUTTLECOCK beat No Submission 1½l in 13-runner claimer at Southwell (1m). Previously beat Battle Colours head in 8-runner claimer over same course and distance. HAWAII STORM 9l 3rd of 13 to Hawwam in handicap at Southwell (1m). Previously 2½l 2nd of 14 to Roar On Tour in handicap over same course and distance, with BUDDY'S FRIEND 2l 3rd.
ZAHRAN 7½l 4th of 11 to Equerad in selling stakes over course and distance (standard). ORTHORHOMBUS 3½l 2nd of 10 to Hawwam in rated stakes at Southwell (1m). EASTLEIGH 4l 2nd of 10 to Kinnegad Kid in handicap at Lingfield (1m). SPANISH STRIPPER 15¾l 4th of 8 to Legal Fiction in maiden at Southwell (7f). ROYAL ACCLAIM 10¾l 5th of 11 to Off The Air in seller over course and distance.
Selection: SHUTTLECOCK

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.20 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,488: 7f) (5 runners)

601 (5) 50613-1 GULF SHAADI 17 (D,G) (C Britain) C Britain 9-7 B Doyle 95
602 (3) 005-111 PORTEND 7 (G) (D Bowring) S Bowring 8-10 (6ex) C Teague (7) 94
603 (2) 348-221 MAC'S TAXI 6 (D,G) (J McMurdo) P Haslam 8-9 (6ex) J Stack (5) 93
604 (1) 16003-2 BOLD FRONTIER 7 (G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-5 R Cochrane 96
605 (4) 50000-1 OUR TOM 9 (D,G) (J Berry) J Wharton 8-1 (6ex) J Quinn ⊞

BETTING: 9-4 Bold Frontier, 3-1 Portend, 7-2 Gulf Shaadi, Our Tom, 4-1 Mac's Taxi.

1994: UPPER GROSVENOR 9-7 T Quinn (7-2) W Muir 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GULF SHAADI beat Sandra Dee 4l in 5-runner claimer at Lingfield (7f). PORTEND beat BOLD FRONTIER (4lb better off) ½l in 9-runner handicap at Southwell (6f). Previously beat Cheerful Groom 6l in 15-runner handicap over same course and distance. MAC'S TAXI beat Polly Garter 2½l in match for handicap at Lingfield (7f). BOLD FRONTIER 4l 3rd of 5 to Go Hever Golf in handicap at Southwell (5f) on penultimate start. OUR TOM beat One For Jeannie 4l in 9-runner handicap over course and distance.
Selection: BOLD FRONTIER

3.50 FACKLEY SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,259: 7f) (11 runners)

1 (8) 64216-0 BLACKPOOL FESTIVAL 20 (B,D,S) (J Berry) J Berry 9-4 T Ives 94
2 (11) 05100-0 GIGFY 9 (G) (A Williams) B Llewellyn 9-4 D R McCabe (5) 94
3 (9) 2035-21 MAZILLA 11 (G) (Flying Fillies) W Haggas 8-13 W Woods ⊞
4 (1) 0363-06 WENDY'S WAY 9 (G) (J Berry) J Berry 8-13 S D Williams 91
5 (4) 0 HAYA YA KEFAAH 6 (Godolphin) M Prescott 8-12 C Nutter –
6 (10) 2252-65 PRESTO BOY 11 (V,BF) (S Carter) M Bell 8-12 M Fenton 88
7 (6) 0 BOLDLY SO 20 (Miss T Severnont) W Musson 8-7 M Wigham 86
8 (7) 0050-52 BRETTON PRINCESS 18 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-7 R Cochrane 93
9 (5) 0 DOULILY 18 (J Hickie) G Holmes 8-7 J Quinn 83
10 (2) 0000-36 JOYFUL TIMES 11 (V) (Joyful Times Racing) Mrs N Macauley 8-7 S Sanders (5) 83
11 (3) 6 LOTTIES BID 18 (S Beard) P Felgate 8-7 P McCabe (5) –

BETTING: 5-2 Mazilla, 3-1 Bretton Princess, 9-2 Joyful Times, 7-1 Wendy's Way, 8-1 Gigfy, 10-1 Blackpool Festival, 12-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BLACKPOOL FESTIVAL best effort beat Euphylia 3½l in 28-runner claimer at Redcar (7f, soft). MAZILLA beat Jilly Jaffa Cake head in 12-runner seller at Southwell (1m), with JOYFUL TIMES (6lb better off) about 5l 6th. PRESTO BOY best recent effort 2½l 2nd of 12 to What Nightmare in seller here (1m 110yd), with BLACKPOOL FESTIVAL (1lb better off) 13½l 6th. BOLDLY SO about 4l 7th of 9 to Crystal Loop in claimer here (6f). BRETTON PRINCESS 3½l 2nd of 9 to Water Bebe in seller at Southwell (7f), with LOTTIES BID 11l 6th and WENDY'S WAY (1lb better off) tailed off 8th. JOYFUL TIMES 10l and short-head 3rd of 10 to High Flown in seller at Southwell (7f), with DOULILY tailed off last.
Selection: MAZILLA

4.20 BALDERTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(Div II: £2,537: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

1 (7) 0006-34 OZZIE JONES 7 (D,F) (M O'Donnell) M Chapman 4-12-0 T Hughes 90
2 (3) 0/0040- WADADA 7J (A Blee) S Campion 4-11-13 Mrs S J Campion (5) –
3 (6) 00054-5 MANOLETE 16 (B) (C Barber-Lomax) C W C Elsey 4-11-12 Miss A Elsey 90
4 (11) 04/801-6 GOLDEN HADEER 15 (D,S) (Mrs L Heffernan) M Ryan 4-11-10 W Dixon (5) 95
5 (4) 00/0000- WHO'S THE BEST 32J (F) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 5-11-8 M Rimell 89
6 (2) 5004-51 DON'T DROP BOMBS 6 (V,D,S) P Felden 6-11-6 (5ex) Miss J Feilden ⊞
7 (9) 00050-0 GOLDENBERRY 14 (W Sellers) J Parkes 4-11-5 R Johnson 98
8 (1) 20555-6 COMTEC'S LEGEND 21 (F,G) (Qualitair Ltd) J Bottomley 5-11-5 Mrs L Pearce 92
9 (10) 000-0 CITY RHYTHM 16 (V) (Mrs P Woodfield) J Bradley 5-11-0 Mrs D McHale –
10 (8) /000/ MENDIP MIST 428J (Mrs C Hotter) B Millman 7-10-13 Mr A Holdsworth (5) –
11 (5) 56060-0 WRITTEN AGREEMENT 6 (R Peacock) R Peacock 7-10-4 Mrs C Peacock (5) 86

Long handicap: Written Agreement 9-0.

BETTING: Evens Don't Drop Bombs, 5-1 Ozzie Jones, 8-1 Manolete, 10-1 Golden Hadeer, Wadada, 14-1 Who's The Best, Comtec's Legend, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

OZZIE JONES about 9½l 4th of 8 to Stevie's Wonder in handicap at Southwell (1m 4f). WADADA 20¾l 4th of 7 to Country Lover in maiden at Southwell (1m) on penultimate start. MANOLETE 1½l 4th of 6 to Scalp 'Em in handicap over course and distance on penultimate start. GOLDEN HADEER dead-heated with Bandar Perak in 13-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. DON'T DROP BOMBS beat Royal Circus 10l in 11-runner amateurs handicap at Lingfield (1m 4f), with WRITTEN AGREEMENT (28lb better off) 29l 10th.
COMTEC'S LEGEND best recent effort about 7l 5th of 18 to Explosive Power in handicap at Lingfield (1m 4f).
Selection: DON'T DROP BOMBS

Blinkered first time

WOLVERHAMPTON: 1.20 Kentucky Flyer. 1.50 Dauntless Fort, Make The Break. 3.50 Joyful Times, Presto Boy.

Ferguson fails difficult test of man management

Rob Hughes believes a tougher stance at Old Trafford would have curbed Cantona's excesses

English football, indeed society, has to decide if it wants to destroy Eric Cantona completely — or rather to complete the destruction he had begun of *himself many moons* before he came here.

Wednesday night at Selhurst Park suggested malevolence is now inseparable from beauty in the man. The recklessness of his kick at a spectator crossed the divide *that is supposed* to be the essence of a spectator sport, the ambience between those who pay and those who play. The question of provocation *is almost immaterial*: Cantona's persistent misconduct towards fellow professionals has too long gone unchallenged.

Nevertheless, before he is removed from English football for life, it must be asked whether he alone is culpable, whether he is beyond redemption, or whether the game is capable of an interim *punishment that would allow* a man whose touch can be majestic some room to earn a pardon.

Do not get this wrong. *Cantona's abuse in* front of the television cameras, his malign influence on players at Manchester United and, more particularly, on the impressionable minds of the young, was questioned in *The Times* back in November.

We urged then the wrath of his manager, his protector, Alex Ferguson. *That* manager's indulgence of the player amounted to hero worship. He failed, on many occasions, to attempt to discipline *Cantona* and Ferguson's own temper rose when this was questioned.

"Love Eric or hate him, we are delighted we have him," *the manager said* defiantly after one of those occasions when the *boot of the France* captain raked a fallen opponent.

Cantona himself had been as insolent after his crimes as he so often could be resplendent in improvisation at play. Here was a maverick who had been *the catalyst* for Leeds United and then Manchester United winning the past three championships. He asked us to accept that the *occasional loss of self-control* was part and parcel of opening his soul up to the game, obeying the theory of the poet, Rimbaud, that real performance came out of a childlike state.

Parents know that children have to be controlled; why, even a puppy of six weeks has to be taught the basics of acceptable behaviour, or else the controller fails in his or her duty.

Ferguson is handsomely paid to guide and control one of the most popular clubs on earth. His own rebel rousing days as a centre forward at *Rangers are history and his* recent award in the New Year's Honours List bears testimony to his achievements in recapturing former glories at Old Trafford.

Why, then, should he shirk from taking responsibility for *the indiscipline of Cantona?* I suspect he has been afraid that the Frenchman might react to the harsh tongue the way he did at Leeds, the way *he previously had done as* a gypsy among French clubs, by packing his rucksack and saying adieu.

I think Ferguson misjudged his Frenchman there. Cantona had not only fallen in love with United, his seven-year-old son, Raphael, is besotted with the place. So Cantona might have taken direction more than Ferguson knew.

Now it is immaterial. Cantona has gone too far. His influence on others in the team — such as Keane, Ince, and, to an extent, Schmeichel and Hughes — is incalculable. But, obviously, if they see their moral leader get away with things, they too will run beyond the bounds.

It is such a shame. For United are the best team England has produced for years, *the most cavalier* and, on a good day, the most entertaining. Cantona, as he demonstrated with his goal in the FA Cup against Sheffield United earlier this month, an *almost* unbelievable caress of the ball, sets the mood and transcends the rest of English football. Now his right to play the game, and to earn £500,000 contracts such as the one he has with Nike, are jeopardised.

So what? The game must get its reaction right and the police must be expected to uphold the law of the land. Whatever the punishment, Cantona is neither a god nor a devil, merely an errant, if sublimely talented, man.

The appropriate response now is for United to forget the millions of pounds Martin Edwards, the club's chairman, will soon tell us the loss *of the championship* would bring, and, without waiting for the Football Association's judgment, put Cantona on ice at least until the shape of any *judicial action* is apparent. It is a pity, but Cantona has brought it disdainfully upon himself.

Is it time to say *au revoir*, Cantona? The question may sound like heresy, the very height of insolence, to Mancunian ears, yet I submit that the Frenchman is at the root of Manchester United's problems, as well as being the catalyst for their recent glories when they seek to translate their form in England's FA Carling Premiership on the continent of Europe.

I need no reminding that Eric Cantona, on his good days, transcends the stage on which he performs. I was a follower of his long before Trevor Francis, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, brought [illegible] allowed the ball to bounce and impudently stroked it beyond the goalkeeper.

So why, when at 28 the man remains the embodiment of Manchester United form, could anyone contemplate his removal?

There is the question of Cantona's effect on United's discipline, or rather their indiscipline. He has flitted in and out of the side this season because of suspensions. His manager, Alex Ferguson, for ever grateful for the way Cantona lifted the albatross off the back of all those who had laboured 26 years for United's [illegible] of the

From Rob Hughes's column of November 26

'He should not play for United any more'

By Our Sports Staff

Eric Cantona on himself in his video, Eric the King: "I play with passion *and* fire. I have to accept that sometimes the fire does harm. I harm myself and I am aware of harming others. But I cannot be what I am without the other *sides of my* character. I don't have to justify myself. I have no regrets."

Gary Lineker, commentating on the incident for BBC1's *Match of the Day*: "He's completely lost it. He's lost *les marbles*."

Pat Crerand, *former* Manchester United and Scotland player: "It is very, very difficult to make excuses for Eric, but the fan got off his seat and *had a go at him*. I wonder what all these guys in yellow coats are doing at Crystal Palace. Are they just along for a night out or are they supposed to be *looking after the* crowd?"

Bob Morrison, chief steward at Selhurst Park: "I have never seen anything like it in ten years of involvement with football crowd control. It took everyone by surprise. Nobody expects a professional footballer to take it upon himself to go two-footed into the crowd."

Alex Stepney, former United and England goalkeeper: "I'm absolutely disgusted that a man of his stature should lower himself to that. He *shouldn't play for United* any more."

Cantona on English crowds: The *spectators* are very close . . . it makes you want to play football."

Bill Foulks, former United captain: "Going into the crowd is behaving like a hooligan — that's nothing to do with sport. He lost control of himself and that's very sad to see."

Chris Waddle, former colleague at Marseilles: "He is a genius, but there's this other side of him. I *don't* think he will ever stop that. He *did* it three or times in France. Maybe he needs help, I don't know. Maybe he needs someone to examine him, a psychiatrist or *somebody*."

Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' *Association*: "He has contributed a great deal to the game, but also has this dark side to his nature."

Garth Crooks, former United player and chairman of the PFA: "I have never seen anything like it and hope I never do again. For *twenty seconds*, Eric Cantona was uncontrollable. Cantona — or any player — has to learn to cope no matter how volatile the situation."

David Meek, United correspondent of the *Manchester Evening News*: "There are mitigating factors . . . I am also a *little surprised by* the apparent eagerness of the FA to throw the book at the player. I hope they don't intend to make him pay the price for all the other ills *in the game* . . . it would be wrong to make an example of *Eric* Cantona just because he is an obvious, easy, and relatively soft target."

Claude Simonet, French Football Federation president: "I am stunned at such behaviour, which is against all sporting ethics. The seriousness of the *situation forces* me to consider this attitude as incompatible with what is expected of a captain of the national team's colours."

Spectators who have become too involved

By John Goodbody

ERIC CANTONA'S assault on a spectator in the *stands* at Selhurst Park is a unique event in the top flight of *English professional* football.

However, Brian Clough did brawl with three Nottingham Forest supporters, who were part of a mass invasion of the *pitch at the City Ground in* January 1989 during their club's 5-2 Littlewood's Cup victory over Queens Park Rangers.

Clough, who was then the club manager, acted because he believed the supporters were misbehaving on the club's property. Clough later *apologised and shook hands* with the invaders.

Other team sports in Britain have endured some serious problems. In 1987, Gerald *Cordle, the Cardiff rugby* union winger, was involved in a scuffle with a supporter of Aberavon Quins, who allegedly had subjected the player to *racist abuse during* a Welsh Cup fourth-round tie. No legal action was taken.

Cricket has a longer history of violence. In 1878-9, Albert "Monkey" Hornby, the *same* player immortalised poetically by Francis Thompson — "Oh, my Hornby and my Barlow long ago" — went to the aid of Lord Harris, who *had* been attacked by spectators at a match between MCC and New South Wales in Australia.

The *game eventually had to* be abandoned and the scheduled second Test match was also cancelled because of the pitch-invasion.

In 1967, Brian Close, the Yorkshire and England captain, *had* a confrontation with a spectator at Edgbaston after Yorkshire had drawn a county championship match with Warwickshire by slowing *their over-rate*. The *incident* led to Close losing the England captaincy.

In 1980, Sylvester Clarke, the West Indies cricketer, was *so infuriated at being* pelted with oranges during the fourth Test in *Pakistan*, that he threw a boundary marker into the crowd , hitting the leader of the local *students'* union.

Eight years later, Abdul Qadir, the Pakistan leg-spin bowler, was involved in a fight with a West Indies supporter during the third Test in *Barbados*.

Cantona's struggle to control his rage

Peter Ball traces the incidents that have marked the fiery path of the Frenchman's controversial career

THE Football Association's decision to charge Eric Cantona with bringing the game into disrepute is only the latest in a long line of clashes between football's *enfant terrible* and the authorities. Three years ago, he wrote "*finis*" on his career in France when he was banned for two *months. Now the question* is whether his sparkling but fraught career in England is to end in similar fashion.

If so, where will he find a *port in the storm to match* Manchester, where he played the finest football of his career, winning two champi*onships and* an FA Cup-winner's medal in two seasons, and where he found a stage worthy of *his* great talent? Suggestions yesterday surfaced that he could find a haven *in Barcelona*, as the replacement for Romario, who has left Spain for his native Brazil.

Trouble has accompanied Cantona *throughout* his career, mixing talent and tantrums in equal measure. "I have a certain fire inside me, which demands to be let out and releasing it is what fuels my success," he said less than *two months ago in explanation* — or justification — for his appalling disciplinary record.

"I couldn't possibly have that fire without accepting the *fact that sometimes it wants to* come out to do harm. It does do harm. *I do myself harm.* I am aware of doing myself harm and of doing harm to *others*."

On this occasion, the harm *he has done himself may be* matched only by the harm he has done to Alex Ferguson, the United manager, who has nurtured his great talent and *defended his player, possibly* beyond reason. Ferguson savoured the player's talent, which brought United the championship two years ago and led them to the league and FA Cup double last season.

Yet Cantona takes everything to excess. He had a quiet enough start to his career with Auxerre and Martigues, but *there was a sign of things to* come when he punched his team's goalkeeper. Trouble then started in earnest when he joined Marseilles, a city to *match his brooding violence*.

He was suspended from the French team for a year for verbally abusing the coach, *Henri Michel; he* was suspended by Marseilles for throwing his shirt at a referee after *being substituted*; and, after moving to Montpellier, he was suspended again for a fight *with a team-mate*.

His next move took him to Nîmes. This time, he was suspended for three games for throwing the ball at a referee's face and summoned to appear before a disciplinary commission. The rebel appeared and could not keep his view of his judges quiet, muttering to himself "idiots". Asked to repeat him*self, he walked up to each* member of the panel in turn and screamed "Idiot!" *In response*, his three-game ban was increased to two months *and he promptly retired*.

However, Michel Platini recommended him to Trevor Francis, the Sheffield Wednesday manager. Cantona went on trial to Hillsborough, but walked out when asked to *extend the trial*.

Instead, he arrived at Leeds United, staying long enough to play a bit-part — albeit an important one — as Leeds won *the championship, making* himself a cult figure with an adoring Yorkshire public, *whose chant* "Ooh Aah, Cantona," became their anthem.

Nevertheless, Cantona's relationship with the Leeds *manager*, Howard Wilkinson, was not a marriage made in *heaven and he was* allowed to join their bitter rivals, Manchester United, for a mere £1.2 million.

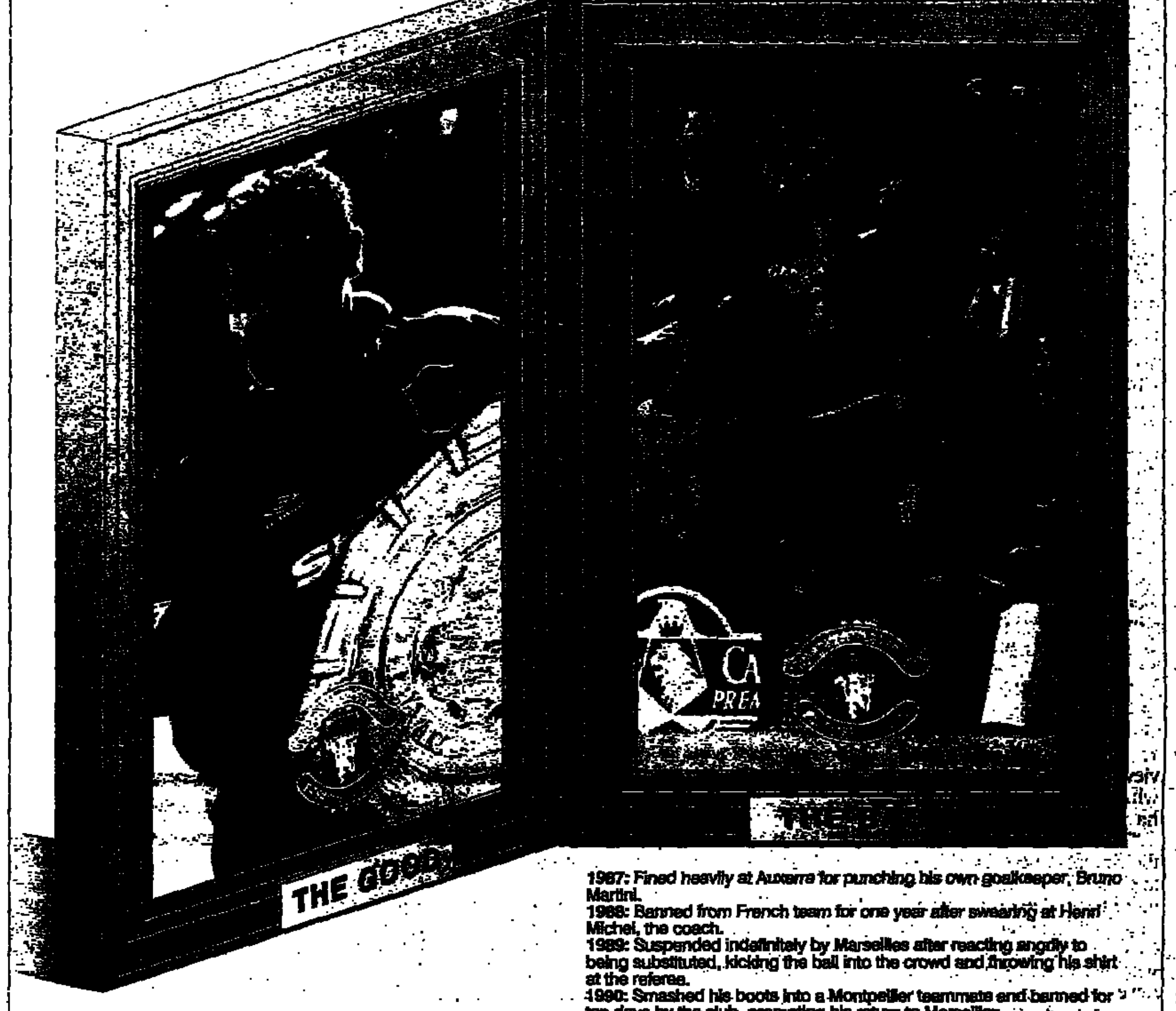
At United, everything, initially, went *almost* perfectly, a £1,000 fine for spitting at a Leeds supporter on his return *to Elland Road being seen as* a mere blip in his regal progress. United won their first title since 1967. The next season began even more *sumptuously*, but *then*, in Istanbul, as United went out of the *European Cup*, a distraught Cantona was sent off for accusing the referee of cheating; he was suspended for four matches.

Trouble came thick and fast as United's lead in the FA Carling Premiership began to be whittled away. *Cantona* was already on his way to winning the Professional Footballers' Association player of the year award, but, by the *time he received it, his image* was tarnished. At Norwich, he appeared to kick John Polston, the defender. There was no punishment on that occasion, but Cantona was sent off for stamping on John Moncur at *Swindon in March. He* was dismissed again, unluckily, four days later at Highbury. *He began this season* under suspension after being sent off in a pre-season friendly.

Just before Christmas, Cantona said: "In the past, I've *tried to* correct myself and, each time, I've lost my game. That defeats the object. What I have to do is to find a solution to this problem which doesn't interfere with *my form and I* think I now have." Those *words now have a* hollow ring.

> 'I have a fire inside me, which demands to be let out'

THE TWO FACES OF ERIC CANTONA



1983: Makes professional debut for Auxerre (81 appearances, 23 goals).
1985: Loaned to Martigues.
1987: Makes first international appearance for France against West Germany.
1988: Joins Marseilles in French record £2.2 million deal (22 appearances, 5 goals).
1989: Joins Bordeaux (11 appearances, 6 goals) on loan, then moves to Montpellier (33 appearances, 10 goals) on loan.
1990: Returns to Marseilles (18 appearances, 8 goals).
1991: *Signs for Nimes for £1 million* (17 *appearances*, 2 goals).
1992: Joins Leeds United for £900,000. Wins championship medal, making 35 appearances and scoring 14 goals, but moves to Manchester United for £1.2 million.
1993: Wins Premiership medal with Manchester United.
1994: Named PFA Player of the Year. Wins third consecutive League title and scores twice in FA Cup final, both penalties, as United win the double. He has made 96 appearances and scored 47 goals to date. Appointed *captain* of France, for whom he has made 44 appearances and scored 19 goals.
HONOURS: French Cup winner (1989, 1990); French League championship (1990); Football League championship (1992); *Premiership (1993, 1994); FA Cup winner* (1994).

1987: Fined heavily at Auxerre for punching his own goalkeeper, Bruno Martini.
1988: Banned from French team for one year *after swearing* at Henri Michel, the coach.
1989: Suspended indefinitely by Marseilles after reacting angrily to being substituted, kicking the ball into the crowd and throwing his shirt at the referee.
1990: Smashed his boots into a Montpellier teammate and banned for ten days by the club, prompting his return to Marseilles.
1991: Banned for three games for throwing the ball at a referee. When ordered to explain himself at a disciplinary hearing, he muttered: "Idiots." Asked to repeat himself, he walked up to each tribunal member in turn and bellowed: "Idiot." When his ban was increased to two months, *he announced his retirement from football*.
1992: Trial with Sheffield Wednesday, but walks out after asked to do *an extra week*.
1993: Fined £1,000 by the Football Association for spitting at a Leeds *supporter in his first game at Elland Road with Manchester United*. Sent off in United's European Cup defeat by Galatasaray in Turkey and banned for four European games. Also involved *in confrontation* with Turkish police after dismissal.
1994: Banned for five matches after being sent off twice in four days—against Arsenal (for two bookings) and Swindon (for stamping on John Moncur). Arrested by security guards at World Cup semi-final between Brazil and Sweden in Los Angeles after row with an official, but later released. Sent off in pre-season tournament against Rangers and banned for three matches. An advertisement for Nike which exploits Cantona's bad-boy image banned from British television by *advertising watchdogs because of* the Frenchman's use of profanity.
1995: Sent off against Crystal Palace, jumps into crowd and starts *fighting with fan. During his time in England Cantona has been sent off* five times (all for Manchester United) and been booked 15 times (three times with Leeds and 12 times with Manchester United).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off-p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	50	90	fair	varied	fair	cloud	-1	18/1
(Still mild but colder weather forecast)								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	60	100	fair	heavy	slushy	fair	4	25/1
(Pistes well packed and icy in places: snow forecast)								
Mayrhofen	20	90	good	varied	poor	cloud	2	25/1
(Hard, compacted snow on all pistes: resort runs worn)								
St Anton	65	360	good	varied	heavy	cloud	3	25/1
(Good skiing on all open upper slopes, heavy low down)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	110	250	good	varied	good	snow	1	26/1
(Good skiing, snow and temperature falling)								
Les Arcs	135	300	good	varied	fair	cloud	0	25/1
(More links and lifts open: good skiing on packed snow)								
Chamonix	70	445	good	heavy	fair	cloud	2	24/1
(Very good piste skiing avalanche risk persisting)								
Tignes	180	250	good	heavy	good	cloud	-2	26/1
(Very good skiing on soft pistes, flat light after lunch)								
Val Thorens	195	295	good	varied	good	snow	-1	26/1
(Yet more snow and poor visibility, good skiing, though)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	80	250	good	varied	good	cloud	0	26/1
(Intermittent snowfalls keeping pistes excellent)								
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	210	250	good	varied	good	fine	-2	25/1
(Good piste skiing, snow sugary below tree-line)								
Grindelwald	30	100	good	crust	icy	fine	5	23/1
(Good skiing on majority of pistes: icy low down)								
Mürren	75	160	icy	crust	fair	fine	3	25/1
(Variable piste conditions with icy patches)								
Wengen	30	100	good	crust	icy	fine	5	23/1
(Hard-packed snow after cold night: icy on home runs)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

Klinsmann may be fit for FA Cup

TOTTENHAM Hotspur are confident that a medical check in hospital today will declare Jürgen Klinsmann, the German striker, fit to play in their FA Cup-tie against Sunderland on Sunday.

Klinsmann, who *has* scored 18 goals this season, was injured in a frightening collision *with the* Aston Villa goalkeeper, Mark Bosnich, in Tottenham's 1-0 defeat at Villa Park on Wednesday night and, after he was carried off the pitch on a stretcher, there were fears that he had been seriously hurt.

Happily, those fears proved groundless and a statement from Tottenham yesterday said: "Early indications are that Jürgen has not suffered a break *to* either his jaw or nose, as has been suggested. He is resting today, but he will visit hopsital tomorrow for a general check-up as a precaution."

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): LA Clippers 107 Boston 98; Atlanta 103 Charlotte 96; Milwaukee 98 Philadelphia 97; Utah 130 Sacramento 88; LA Lakers 120 New Jersey 116 (OT).
BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Manchester Giants v Leicester Riders (abandoned after 4mins, water on court).
EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Semi-final series: Group A: Olimpija Ljubljana (Slovenia) 84 Pesaro (It) 87; Panathinaikos (Gr) 101 CSKA Moscow 77.

BIATHLON

RUHPOLDING, Germany: World Cup: Men (20km): 1, P Bailly-Salins (Fr) 48min 56.5sec; 2, F Kuoppa (Swe) 50:04.5; 3, R Gross (Ger) 50:29.2; 4, W Pallhuber (It) 50:29.9; 5, J Steingen (Ger) 50:58.6; 6, V Maigurov (Russ) 51:12.1. World Cup standings: 1, J Age Tyldum (Nor) 119pts; 2, O Bjorndalen (Swe) 104; 3, Gross 94; 4, Pallhuber 92; 5, V Drachev (Russ) 85; 6, V Raikkonen (Fin) 76. Women (15km): 1, S Paramygina (Bela) 45:41.5; 2, F Baverel (Fr) 46:29.3; 3, N Santer (It) 46:33.5; 4, E Kristiansen (Nor) 46:55.6; 5, U Disl (Ger) 47:35.8; 6, S Greiner-Petter-Memm (Ger) 47:36.7. World Cup standings: 1, Disl 151; 2, A Briand (Fr) 148; 3, Paramygina 138; 4, C Niogret (Fr) 120; 5, M Lampinen (Fin) 118; 6, Petter-Memm 116.

CRICKET

CASTLE CUP: Johannesburg (first day of four): Northern Transvaal 256-8 v Natal.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa 1 Tottenham Hotspur 0; Chelsea 0 Nottingham Forest 2; Crystal Palace 1 Manchester United 1; Manchester City 0 Leicester City 1; Newcastle 2 Wimbledon 1; Norwich 2 Coventry 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Postponed: Bedworth v Forest Green.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Molesey v Yeading.
FA TROPHY: First round: Billingham 2 Ashton United 1 (abandoned), Bishop Auckland 0 Gateshead 1. Postponed: Molesey v Cheltenham; VS Rugby v Aylesbury; Hednesford v Altrincham.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 1 Afan Lido 1. Postponed: Ebbw Vale v Inter Cardiff. League cup: Third round second leg: Postponed: Cwmbran v Ton Pentre.
BASS IRISH CUP: Fifth round: Distillery 1 Bangor 5; Carrick 2 Ballinamallard 0; Crewe Utd 0 Cliftonville 2; Dungannon Swifts 1 Cookstown 0; Limavady 1 Dungiven 2; Brantwood 2 Moyola Park 2; Loughall 2 Kilmore 1.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton 2 Crystal Palace 1; Wimbledon 1 Millwall 2. Postponed: Charlton v Southampton; Ipswich v Chelsea; Swindon v Watford. Second division: Postponed: Cheltenham v Bath; Plymouth v Cardiff; Torquay v Birmingham; Yeovil v Hereford. League Cup: Postponed: Exeter v Bournemouth.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sunderland 3 Sheffield Utd 0. Postponed: Bolton v Rotherham; West Bromwich Albion v Leeds United; Everton v Wolverhampton Wanderers. Second division: Postponed: Burnley v Oldham; Hull v Barnsley.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Postponed: St Helens v Eastwood Hanley.
FA CHALLENGE VASE: Fourth round replay: Postponed: Eastwood v Stocksbridge.
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Postponed: Dulwich Hamlet v Bristol.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Torrington v Tiverton.
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Postponed: Paget v Brierley Hill.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: East Cowes Vics v Cowes Sports.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST: League cup: Second round replay: Postponed: Sheffield v Louth.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier Trophy: Under-19: Northumberland 2 Durham 1. Under-16: West Midlands 5 Worcestershire 1.
ITALIAN LEAGUE: Torino 8 Juventus 2.
LAGOS: African Youth championship: Group A: Guinea 2 Zambia 2; Mali 3 Nigeria 3. Group B: Cameroon 0 Senegal 0; Burundi 2 Mauritius 1.

CYCLING

STUTTGART: Six-day event: Final standings: 1, D Clark (Aus) and E de Wilde (Bel) 398pts; 2, B Risi (Switz) and K Betschart (Switz) at one lap, 487; 3, J Veggerby (Den) and J Madsen (Den) two laps, 234.

GOLF

MBABANE, Swaziland: Men's tournament: First-round scores (South Africa unless stated): 65: A Roestoff. 66: G Reid. 67: R Goosen, M Galent, B Ott (US). 68: D Botes, C Davison, R Freeman (US), J Daley (US), V Phillips (GB).
RYDER CUP: Leading places: Europe: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp) 309,202pts; 2, B Langer (Ger) 198,106; 3, C Montgomerie (Scot) 181,395; 4, J M Olazábal (Sp) 158,577; 5, I Woosnam (Wales) 148,222; 6, D Gilford (Eng) 138,625; 7, P-U Johansson (Swe) 128,293; 8, M A Jiménez (Spain) 112,533; 9, C Rocca (It) 102,933; 10, P Fulke (Swe) 101,991; 11, S Torrance (Scot) 93,068; 12, B Lane (Eng) 92,831. United States: 1, T Lehman 502.5; 2, P Mickelson 479.864; 3, R Loren 498.5; 4, C Pavin 404.167; 5, F Zoeller 345; 6, B Glasson 326.31; 7, T Kite 303.25; 8, M McCumber 284.167; 9, J Maggert 251.893; 10, R Estes 231.667; 11, J Cook 228.5; 12, J Huston 226.53.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford 4 Ottawa 1; Buffalo 2 New Jersey 1; Montreal 2 Washington 0; Pittsburgh 3 NY Rangers 2; Tampa Bay 3 Florida 2; Toronto 6 Vancouver 2; Chicago 5 Edmonton 1; Dallas 4 Anaheim 1; San Jose 4 Winnipeg 0.

MOTOR RALLYING

MONTE CARLO RALLY: Final standings: 1, C Sainz (Sp) and Moya (Sp) (Subaru Impreza) 6hr 32min 31sec; 2, F Delecour (Fr) and C François (Fr) (Ford Escort Cosworth) 6:34:56; 3, J Kankkunen (Fin) and N Grist (GB) (Toyota Celica) 6:38:28; 4, T Makinen (Fin) and S Harjanne (Fin) (Mitsubishi Lancer) 6:37:12; 5, B Thiry (Bel) and S Prevot (Bel) (Ford Escort Cosworth) 6:39:18; 6, A Aghini (It) S Farnocchia (It) (Mitsubishi Lancer) 6:43:17; 7, J Ragnotti (Fr) G Thimonier (Fr) (Renault Clio) 7:04:28; 8, P Liatti (It) and A Alessandrini (It) (Subaru Impreza) 7:09:54; 9, P Camandona (Switz) and G Crausaz (Switz) (Ford Escort Cosworth) 7:13:01; 10, Isolde Holderied (Ger) K Thörner (Swe) (Mitsubishi Lancer) 7:13:34. *World championship standings*: Drivers: 1, Sainz 20pts; 2, Delecour 15; 3, Kankkunen 12; 4, Makinen 10; 5, Thiry 8; 6, Aghini 8; 7, Ragnotti 4; 8, Liatti 3; 9, Camandona 2; 10, Holderied 1. Constructors: 1, Ford 47pts; 2, Subaru 48; 3, Mitsubishi 36; 4, Toyota 25.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Postponed: Wakefield v Castleford; Hull v Widnes. Second division: Swinton 28 Leigh 4; Highfield 6 Whitehaven 66 (abandoned after 63 mins).
SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Third round: Postponed: Dewsbury v Kells.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: English Schools 30 Australia Schools 3.
INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Wanderers v Terenure College.
CLUB MATCH: RAF 17 Oxford University 3; Royal Navy 19 Combined London OB 12; Rugby 53 Nuneaton 3. Cancelled: Sale v Loughborough Students.

SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Welsh Open (England unless stated). Third round: P Ebdon bt J Read 5-4; S Davis bt M Williams (Wales) 5-3; R O'Sullivan bt A Hamilton 5-4; M Flowerdew bt A Bolsover 5-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt C Scanlon 5-0; C Small (Scot) bt F O'Brien (Ire) 5-1; J Higgins (Scot) bt P Davies (Wales) 5-2; J Swail (N Ire) beat M Price 5-2; S Hendry (Scot) bt C Scanlon 5-0; C Small (Scot) bt F O'Brien (Ire) 5-1.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Waterlooville v Poole.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Conwy v Porthmadog.
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round: Athlone v Home Farm (8.0); Bohemians v Limerick (8.0); Cobh Ramblers v Shelbourne (8.0); Glebe North v Shamrock (8.0).
OTHER MATCH: Derby v IFK Gothenburg (Swe) (7.45).
SCHOOLS MATCH: FA Premier League Trophy: Under-19: West Midland v Warwickshire (at Alexandra Stadium). English Schools Snickers Trophy: Under-18: John Kyrle HS, Herefordshire v Ysgol Glantaf, Cardiff (2.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Salford v Leeds (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY: British League: Premier division: Sheffield v Milton Keynes.
SNOOKER: Regal Welsh championship (Newport).

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Pierce and Sanchéz Vicario steer clear of trouble on way to final

Sampras draws on hidden courage

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

PETE SAMPRAS, set a series of Herculean tasks at the Australian Open, has one more to go before he completes his mission. His final duty will be to defend his title on Sunday here at Flinders Park against either Andre Agassi, the second seed, or Aaron Krickstein.

Whereas Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and Mary Pierce have skipped into the women's final tomorrow without dropping a set or even being taken to a tie-break, he has been climbing an ever-steepening incline. At least he has now been granted two days' grace after wearing down Michael Chang, the fifth seed, yesterday over more than three hours.

"My game feels good," Sampras says. His body does not. Sore and stiff after his courageous comeback against Jim Courier (judges as respected as Fred Stolle and John Barrett have described the quarter-final as the finest match they have seen), it took a while for the taut muscles to be loosened.

By the time they had, he found himself a set down for the third successive round. Moreover, an opponent he had known since childhood had added an unexpected attacking weapon to an almost exclusively defensive style. Chang, though only 5ft 9in, has recently developed a penetrating and varied service.

Sampras looked up at the informative scoreboard, pinned below the roof of the stadium, and shook his head as he was left floundering again midway through the second set. "Ten aces," he muttered in bewilderment. Chang's total was to be 20 — to Sampras's 13.

Conveniently for Sampras, that was also the time when the rest of Chang's wholly dependable game temporarily, but decisively, fell apart. Committing as many mistakes as he would usually make throughout a tournament, he allowed the No 1 seed to accelerate from 4-3 in the second set to 4-0 in the third.

Sampras had enough momentum to carry him to the verge of the final and, once he had broken to lead 3-2 in the fourth set, could freewheel the rest of the way. Not that Chang, other than during his uncharacteristic lapse, offered him any easy points. He even ran to and from his chair to collect a cap as the sun emerged.

Beaten 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, Chang wrapped an arm around his American compatriot and accompanied him off court before voicing his admiration for him. "He's handled these last couple of weeks very well. He's shown compassion while remaining focused. He's shown sides of him we've not seen before."

Concerned about his ailing coach, Tim Gullikson, the victim of a third stroke, Sampras was too emotionally distraught and physically exhausted after coming back from two-set deficits against Magnus Larsson and Courier to speak at length in midweek. Yesterday he enlarged on his view of his *achievements* which, even by his standards, have been extraordinary.

"This is special because of the circumstances. I was down and out twice and I've shown more heart than ever before. I may look lackadaisical but I've shown that I will do whatever I need to to win. I've never felt as bad on court as I did then [against Courier]. My body refused to move."

To relax, he went to a concert by REM on Wednesday night and intends to play "a quick nine holes" of golf today. He will also discuss tactics on the telephone with Gullikson, for whom he shed tears during the quarter-final, before preparing for the last of his mighty ordeals.

Neither Sánchez Vicario, the No 1 seed, nor Pierce, the No 4 seed, has been subjected effectively to anything more taxing than a pleasurable training session. Without the leading protagonists, the psychologically damaged Monica Seles and the physically injured Steffi Graf, women's tennis has been seen in a dire light over the past fortnight.

According to Conchita Martinez, it is "exciting". Nonsense. Bereft of belief since she became the Wimbledon champion, she contributed to the predictability of her defeat against Pierce. "I just didn't play," she admitted. "I made so many mistakes." Scarcely credibly, she claimed that the reason for her lethargy was the early start. That was at 11am.

Broken every time she served in the second set, she went down 6-3, 6-1 in little more than an hour. Pierce was upbeat afterwards: "I'm happy with the way I am playing, but I think I can play better. I'm human ... you can't play your best tennis all the time," she said.

At least Sánchez Vicario was made to work harder by the unseeded Marianne Werdel Witmeyer but, in going through to the final 6-4, 6-1, she was kept on court for only a couple of minutes longer.

The duration of the matches was deceptive. Pierce, for the second successive round, was officially warned for wasting time and both she and Martinez were granted three-minute time-outs to receive treatment for injuries which, neither beforehand nor afterwards, seemed to be affecting them adversely.

A replay of the French Open final, the conclusion of the women's championship tomorrow should at least lift the lowly standard.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES: Semi-finals: P Sampras (US) bt M Chang (US) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4

MEN'S DOUBLES: Semi-finals: M Knowles (Bah) and D Nestor (Can) bt P Korda (Cz) and P McEnroe (US) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4; J Palmer (US) and R Reneburg (US) bt J Eltingh (Holl) and P Haarhuis (Holl) 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 4-6, 7-5.

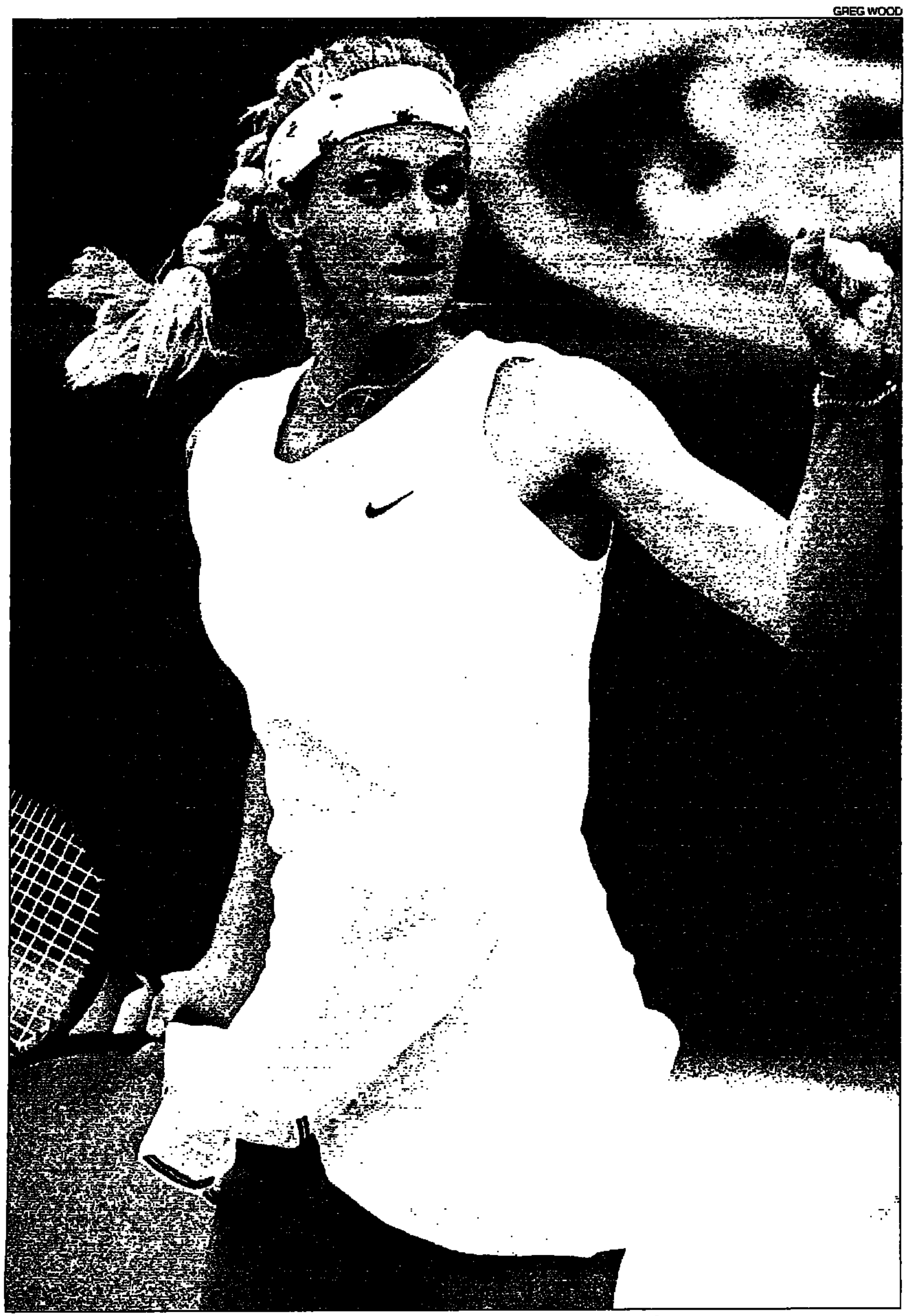
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Semi-finals: M Pierce (Fr) bt C Martinez (Sp) 6-3, 6-1; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Werdel Witmeyer (US) 6-4, 6-1

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Semi-finals: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt L Davenport (US) and L Raymond (US) 6-3, 6-4, J Novotna (Cz) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Bollegraf (Holl) and L Neiland (Lat) 7-5, 6-1

MIXED DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: T Woodbridge (Aus) and H Sukova (Cz) bt J Sánchez (Sp) and L McNeil (US) 6-2, 6-2, R Leach (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt S Stolle (Aus) and M J Fernandez (US) States, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4

BOYS' SINGLES: Third round: L Jong-Min (Aus) bt J Delgado (GB) 6-2, 6-3.

BOYS' DOUBLES: Second round: J Delgado (GB) and A Hernandez (Mex) bt M Way (Aus) and S-A Zaman (Aus) 6-1, 6-1.



GREG WOOD

Pierce punches the air in satisfaction after winning a crucial point in her semi-final victory over Martinez

Chargers' slim hopes rest on Means-testing

Andrew Longmore says the odds are stacked against the underdogs in Super Bowl XXIX

FOR all connoisseurs of the sporting upset, Super Bowl XXIX is developing an abiding and hypnotic fascination. Compared with the San Diego Chargers' chances of defeating the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, Buster Douglas was a stone-cold certainty to knock out Mike Tyson and Wrexham were odds-on to beat Arsenal in the FA Cup. Just how shocking can sport get?

The problem for the Chargers and the 2,300-strong media host trying to whip up some enthusiasm for what the United States has already designated a "dead game" is that American football does not encourage shocks. On the day, it is not 11 v 11, but 45 v 45, which reduces the margin of error by about a quarter, and it is an interesting reflection of the difference between the British and American way of sport that there is no sympathy for the oppressed among the many neutrals here, no notion of sport's capacity for romance. David slaying Goliath is bad for business. Damn the Chargers and their scrap-metal team, they will ruin the showroom window.

The Chargers themselves seem to sense they are not wanted. Their camp is at Fort Lauderdale, a good hour's drive from the centre of Miami, and their arrival a day later than the 49ers suggested a debutante's reluctance to go to the ball. "The way I look at it," Dale Lindsey, one of the coaches, said, "is that they've already sold the tickets, the game's scheduled on TV. We can't back out now. We gotta show up and play."

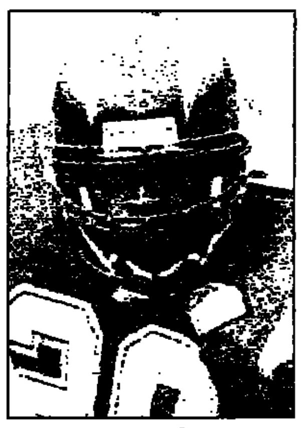
If the team, picked by one scribe in a pre-season poll as potentially the worst in the whole of the National Football League, is aware of its shortcomings, it has so far shown a tightrope-walker's flair for balancing reality and fantasy. "To win, we will need a perfect game and a little help from the man upstairs," as Tony Martin, a wide receiver, said.

The Chargers are not prone to empty boasts nor, wisely, have they been drawn into denigrating what could be one of the greatest teams in Super Bowl history. Yet the fact that, in the face of such giants as Deion Sanders, Jerry Rice and Steve Young, their hopes of victory are invested in an outsize 22-year-old second-year professional and a dumpy quarterback reject from the Washington Redskins suggests even divine intervention might not be enough.

Natrone — pronounced Nay-trone — Means, the Chargers' running back, is still a baby in footballing terms, a very big baby at nearly 17st, admittedly, but a baby nonetheless. He has a chubby face and a slight stammer that enhances the image, but his bulk allied to an awkward style of running makes tackling a steamroller the preferable alternative for opposing defences.

Means has, above all, no sense of how difficult a game professional football can be. The closest he has come to sporting failure was when his mother stopped him from playing at college for a year to make him concentrate on his studies. His confidence has been infectious. "We'll be in a huddle," the wide receiver, Shawn Jefferson, said, "and he'll say: 'Y'all block. You guys get your man and I'll take care of the rest.'"

He has done, too, wearing down defences to such effect that the Chargers have become known as the last-minute men. They have been ahead for an astonishing total of just five minutes and 48 seconds out of the 120 minutes of their two play-off games, which is a tribute to their stamina and the nerve of their abrasive quarterback, Stan Humphries, a native of Louisiana with a reputation at the Redskins for being talented but lazy.



Means: confidence

Humphries's ability to pull off some big plays at the death has characterised the stuttering progress of the Chargers to their first Super Bowl, just as his inelegant victory jig after Miami Dolphins had missed a last-minute field goal in the play-off game reflected the down-home quality of his bits-and-pieces team. What little evidence there is for a Chargers' victory rests on the unlikely combination of Means and Humphries and on an unshakeable belief in the Chargers' camp that, if all else fails, destiny is on their side. History, and most of America, certainly are not.

Rowell dampens embers by congratulating French

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

JACK ROWELL, the England team manager, took a significant step yesterday towards defusing the inflammatory situation which has arisen, not for the first time, between England and France in the days leading up to their clash at Twickenham in the rugby union five nations' championship.

Rowell proffered congratulations to Pierre Berbizier, the coach of France, for dropping Olivier Merle from the XV to play England in response to the head-butting incident in which Merle was involved against Wales last week. Rowell is anxious that a war of words, to which the players from neither side have contributed, should not provoke a destructive game when the countries meet on February 4.

"If Merle has been dropped for what he did, that's an example everyone will refer to in the future and sets standards," Rowell told a Sports Writers' Association lunch in London. "It's a credit to the people who have done it." He has not seen the incident which led to Ricky Evans, the Wales prop, breaking a leg, but seeks a code of conduct to which all countries will adhere.

"There has been a lot of brouhaha over this issue, and when the International Rugby Football Board meets next, it may decide that it should sort it out," Rowell added. "It all comes back to standards. In a rucking situation, it's inherent that people take the knocks and don't complain."

It has been suggested in France that the Rugby Football Union (RFU) should take action against Ben Clarke, the Bath back-row forward who received the first yellow card in international rugby, against Ireland last weekend, for stamping. But Rowell, emphasising a question of degree, warned the game's administrators that, in an increasingly litigious age, uniformity on disciplinary issues is essential.

He rejected comparison with the Tim Rodber affair in South Africa last summer, since a properly-convened tribunal dealt with the case immediately. However, the RFU has made recommendations to improve disciplinary hearings by not involving team managers in the judicial side. "If the French set standards, it's for everyone else to aspire to them," Rowell said. "Why can't people sit down and integrate the complete procedure?'

Victor Ubogu, the Bath prop who was himself the object of dangerous play during the game at Lansdowne Road, spoke for players in all countries when he said: "As long as there are uniform rules, I don't see a problem. The World Cup this year gives the international board the chance to stabilise rules throughout the world, particularly over discipline."

☐ Alwynne Evans, from Moseley, has been appointed the first full-time secretary to the Senior Clubs Association in England, from a field of over 150 candidates. Evans has occupied this role in an honorary capacity since 1991.

WORD-WATCHING

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NEKULTURNY

(b) One who is by Russian standards considered unenlightened, a bore. Also *nekulturniiy*. W. Miller in *Russians as People*: "To accuse someone of being nekulturny is not a light matter ... It may signify that you do not clean your teeth, that you never read a book or that you are pushing rudely or giving way to a coarse expression of opinion."

LAPPIE

(a) A dish-cloth or small rag, as first used by the Boers. Also formerly *lapje*. 1970, *Cape Times*: "There had been dramatic evidence about the finding of the lappie and the hair stuck in the middle."

HOUNGAN

(a) A priest of the Voodoo cult, the native name in Haiti, also *hougan*, *hungan*. "There are many things my father (who was one of the great houngans of the past generation) could do which I cannot do. He could make thunder."

KIDANG

(c) The Malay name for the Indian muntjac or barking deer. Now usually known as *kijang*. "Upon turning the corner of the alleyway, the dog-catcher was shocked to discover that his barking quarry was, in fact, a fully grown kidang."

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Voices from past exhort Wales to increase tempo

GERALD DAVIES

Rugby Commentary

I am not sure to whom the following exhortations should be attributed: "A second wasted is nine yards long ... one quick heel from the loose is worth five from the tight."

It could be to Cliff Jones, the great Welsh stand-off half of the Thirties, who used to give advice on such matters all the time, or to his mentor, T. P. "Pope" Williams, who converted the Welsh firefly from football to rugby at Llandovery College. Speed was the essence of both messages.

Unlike much of the jargon that infiltrates modern rugby, of needing to keep the "dynamic going", and with the purpose of "achieving total rugby", and of plan A and plan B, and of vagueness that attends them all, these axioms of long ago have at least the merit of creating a picture in the mind of what the purpose should be.

The modern coach influenced by all manner of sophisticated systems and theories may pooh-pooh such a simple view. The game has changed, is the common refrain as the squad settles down to ponder the flip charts, replay the video before going on to consider whether its dietary needs have been amply catered for. Much as today's youth think they invented sex, so the modern rugby player thinks he invented rugby.

Yes, all these things have been introduced for the greater good of the team's performance, but at the expense, I imagine, of the richness of the player's daily life. So many sacrifices have they to make that it was with relief I read Brian Moore had time to go to the opera.

Speed is the message that wings its way from the 1920s and is as true today as it ever has been. Control is fine and is a critical factor. To win the ball is to control the game. But, by and large, this is interpreted to mean slowing down the tempo. This is safe. To raise the tempo is to increase the risk and to demand more of the players' skills which, if successful, brings commensurately higher reward. This is what England have been wrestling with and upon which Wales, too, need to ponder.

Wales's rehabilitation during the last four years under the management of Bob Norster and Alan Davies has been a necessarily gradual process. The first task was to restore the morale of a shattered rugby psyche. This they did so that there has been no shortage of courage and character. But such characteristics are never enough.

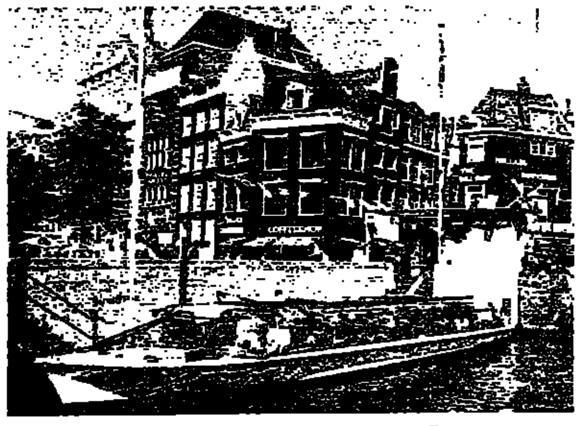
The Welsh spirit might have been more swiftly restored had Wales possessed as England have been so infinitely well blessed, with lineout experts. In the combination of Gareth Llewellyn finding it more profitable in the front of the line and Derwyn Jones in the middle. Possession is coming their way at last.

The opening five nations' championship match against France last weekend highlighted the next step Wales need to take. If Wales are coping in the set-piece play, they are not in the loose. The ball does not return quickly enough to be of any advantage to the backs.

Admittedly, the refereeing of what should happen after the tackle was not uniformly applied. Too much scrabbling on the floor was allowed. But the indications were that when Wales had the ball they drove forward so long and so far that they allowed the momentum to dissipate and finally come to a halt. The ball was released as a last and sterile option.

In the circumstances Wales's half backs and threequarters were at a standstill, while the opposition's defence was given time to reorganise. There is no point in throwing brickbats at Robert Jones or Neil Jenkins, at half back. They merely inherit the problems.

A quick release while the forwards' momentum is gathering finds the back division running on to the ball at an opposition that is likely to be in retreat, in disarray and outnumbered. The conundrum for Wales is how not to waste all those seconds among the forwards which can be so valuable in creating those vital yards in the backs.



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Captain gets staunch support in building solid platform for England

Atherton finds strength in adversity

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN ADELAIDE

GRAHAM MORRIS

Mark Waugh takes evasive action as Gatting dispatches a delivery from Warne to the boundary on the opening day of the fourth Test

ADVERSITY has shadowed Michael Atherton like a backstreet mugger through his time as England captain, denying him peace of mind but failing to stifle his spirit. Atherton performs best when the omens are at their most unfavourable and yesterday here offered his kind of odds.

England staggered into this fourth Test with barely a quorum and scarcely a hope. This, anyway, was the view of the bookmakers, who rated Australia odds-on favourites even after Atherton had achieved the first of the day's triumphs by winning the toss. By evening, he and his downtrodden team had achieved very much more.

That Atherton set the example should be no surprise. He has been doing so, frequently with little response, ever since this tour began. That he made 80 was admirable, that he once again fell short of the century that eludes him on this tour was regrettable. But the crucial thing, on a day that dawned full of foreboding for England and their thousands of followers, was that they did not surrender to the pitiless saga of setbacks afflicting them. Indeed, they competed well enough to view the rest of this match with enthusiasm.

For the sentimental, there was good cause to cheer the source of Atherton's staunch support. Graham Gooch scored 47 and was cut short by the second successive dubious decision to befall him in this series. Mike Gatting, whose contribution in five Test innings had been a mere 57 runs, found the touch to accompany his desire and was 50 not out when England closed on 196 for two.

There was irony here, for Gooch and Gatting were inevitably implicated and isolated by Atherton's recently-stated view that England should be pursuing a youth policy. The captain, however, has never doubted the commitment of either of his old retainers.

Sixty-five minutes were lost from the day to a storm sufficiently violent to uproot trees. This spectacular change came as blessed relief to most, after a day of withering, airless humidity, but the delay, 40 minutes into the evening session, was all against England. It interrupted their systematic plundering of a perspiring attack on a very good pitch and left them a tricky 15 minutes to negotiate when play resumed at 6.45pm.

The two wickets that did fall in the day could each have been avoided with better luck and judgment. Both, strangely, were taken by short deliveries from Damien Fleming.

Gooch was given out, caught at second slip, as an attempted pull looped off his helmet and what seemed to be his shoulder. The umpire, Peter Parker, believed it to be bat or glove.

Atherton fell for the sucker punch, hooking Fleming to David Boon, who had been dropped back on to the square-leg boundary in the same over. It is a short, square hit here and Atherton, who has struck only one six in his Test career, was not far short of a second. But, as he confessed later, it remained an aberration.

The opening pair put on 93, adding to the striking record they have together which makes it such a wonder they were ever voluntarily parted. Four years ago, on this ground, they shared a first-wicket stand of 203 as Gooch exhorted his team to pursue a target of 472. The same spirit was with them yesterday.

This great ground was packed to its 25,000 capacity before play began and, it being Australia Day, the teams stood in line and national anthems were played. Gooch, who would have this ritual performed before every Test if he had his way, sang lustily. Atherton considered it better than a team talk.

Before lunch, Australia had their two leg spinners operating together, a rare event in modern Test cricket, let alone in the first session of a game. Whether this pitch supports them later, as predicted, it certainly offered no turn yesterday and Shane Warne was so conspicuously sulky that Ian Healy made a long diversion to speak to him. Mark Taylor was forced to pair the less daunting Greg Blewett and Mark Waugh during the afternoon.

Gooch departed during a testing spell from Fleming. In the absence of Graeme Hick, Gatting emerged at No 3 for the first time since he last made a Test half-century, at Lord's in 1993. From the outset, he looked more convincing than of late but he also enjoyed more fortune. When 19, he was bowled between bat and pad by a beauty from Craig McDermott. Only after he had heard the death rattle of the stumps, and grimaced, did Gatting see the no-ball signal that reprieved him.

McDermott examined Gatting from round the wicket after tea, but he survived the ordeal and saw his captain fall instead. Atherton's aggregate for the series is now 382 and he has occupied the crease for the equivalent of almost four playing days. But this was the ninth time in Test cricket he has been out between 80 and 99; for one with only seven centuries, that is a galling statistic.

It was a more culpable dismissal for the obvious imminence of the storm. It struck five balls later, sweeping debris onto the ground, confiscating countless hats and persuading the Barmy Army to perform a saturated conga. They had a day to celebrate, England a match they could begin to savour.

ADELAIDE SCOREBOARD

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

G A Gooch c M Waugh b Fleming (147min, 105 balls, 4 fours)	47
*M A Atherton c M Waugh b Fleming (273min, 215 balls, 8 fours)	80
M W Gatting not out (146min, 111 balls, 7 fours)	50
G P Thorpe not out (20min, 19 balls, 3 fours)	16
Extras (w 2, nb 1)	3
Total (2 wkts, 75 overs, 294min)	196

J P *Crawley*, †S J Rhodes, C C Lewis, P A J DeFreitas, A R C Fraser, D E Malcolm and P C R Tufnell to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93 (Atherton 45), 2-175 (Gatting 46)

BOWLING: McDermott 21-8-31-0 (nb 1, 6-3-13-0, 5-4-2-0, 6-0-12-0, 4-2-4-0). Fleming 20-4-50-2 (w 1; 8-2-11-0, 6-0-16-1, 6-2-23-1). Blewett 11-2-37-0 (5-1-23-0, 6-1-14-0); Warne 11-2-39-0 (5-1-13-0, 4-0-21-0, 2-1-5-0); McIntyre 8-2-23-0 (w 1; 3-1-7-0, 5-1-16-0); M E Waugh 4-1-16-0 (one spell).

AUSTRALIA: M J Slater, *M A Taylor, D C Boon, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, G S Blewett, †I A Healy, S K Warne, C J McDermott, P E McIntyre and D W Fleming.

Umpires: P D Parker (Australia) and S Venkataraghavan (India). Replay umpire: S J Davis. Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand)

PREVIOUS MATCHES: First Test (Brisbane): Australia won by 184 runs. Second Test (Melbourne): Australia won by 295 runs. Third Test (Sydney): Match drawn.

MATCH TO COME: Fifth Test: Perth (February 3-7).

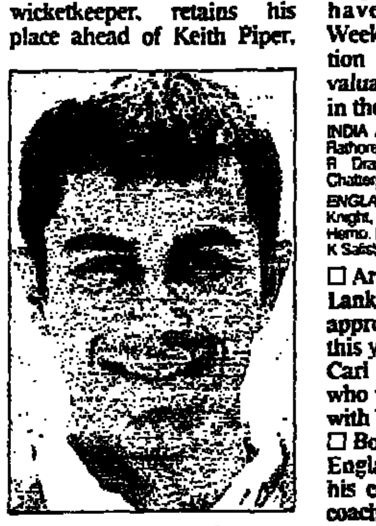
☐ *Compiled by Bill Frindall*

Salisbury wins the vote over Weekes

IAN SALISBURY was at the centre of a prolonged selection debate in Calcutta yesterday. In the end, though, the 25-year-old Sussex leg spinner was given the vote of confidence that the England A team management hope will finally bring out the best in him at international level.

Salisbury's selection for the second international against India A tomorrow means there is no place for Paul Weekes, the Middlesex off-spinning all-rounder. The move puts greater responsibility for run-scoring on Dominic Cork, of Derbyshire, who goes up to No 6, and on the occasional off-breaks of Michael Vaughan, the young Yorkshire opener.

Min Patel, the Kent left-arm spinner, wins inclusion after his six-wicket haul in Delhi earlier this week, while Paul Nixon, the Leicestershire wicketkeeper, retains his place ahead of Keith Piper, from Warwickshire, because of his extra batting ability.


Patel: secures place

Salisbury, the only fully-fledged Test player in the A squad after yesterday's departure of Mark Ramprakash for Australia, was in danger of the axe because of a worrying dip in confidence and rhythm.

However, it is likely that the presence of the England A captain, Alan Wells, Salisbury's skipper at Sussex, has earned him another chance on a pitch certain to take spin.

"He does get a little bit more bounce than our other spinners and we need every available option in our bowling attack," Wells said.

Salisbury began the tour by taking six for 48 against India Youth in Bombay, but suffered in the first international at Bangalore.

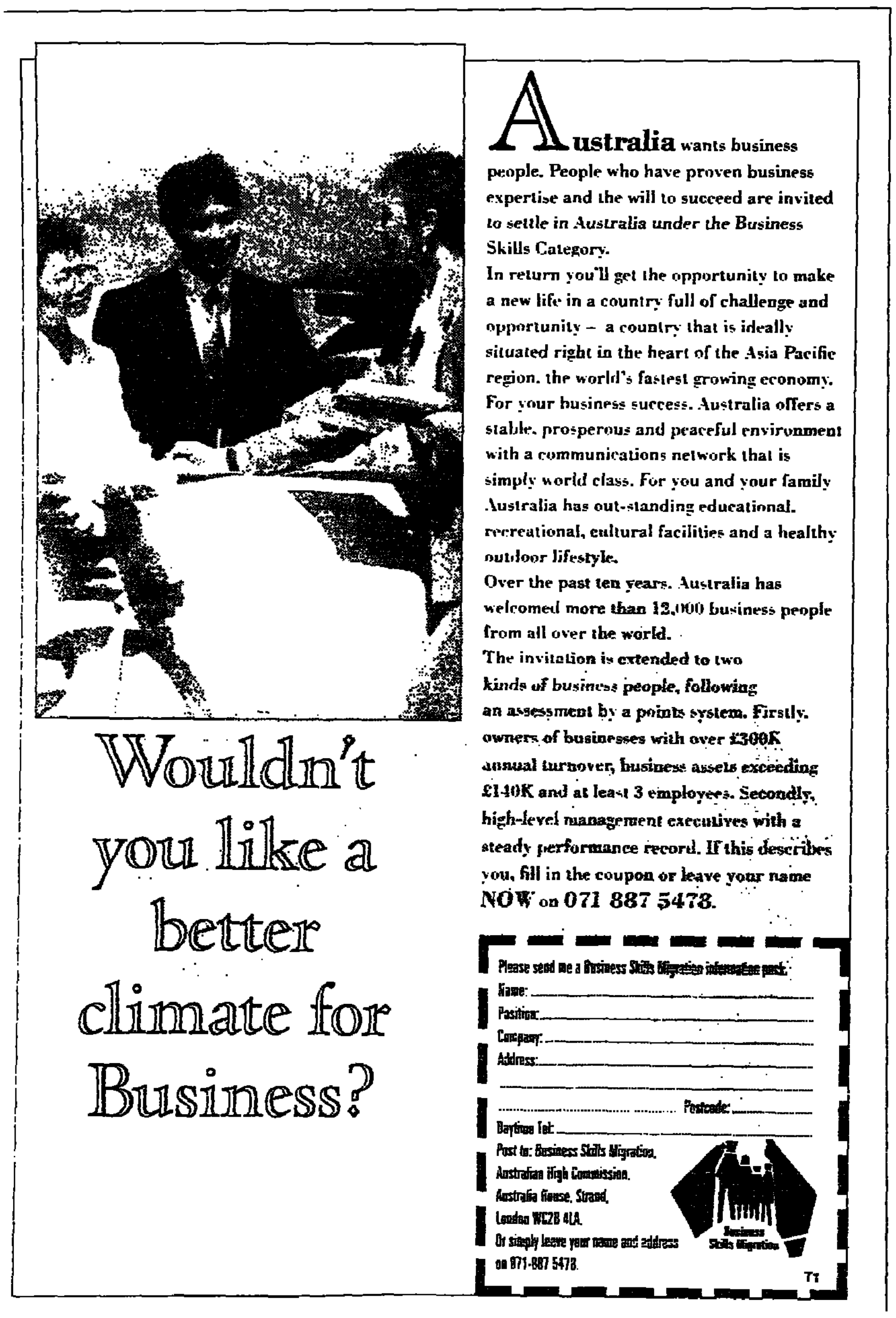
The pressure is on Salisbury, as the selectors must have debated whether Weekes's all-round contribution could have been more valuable with England 1-0 up in the three-match series.

INDIA A (probable): P Amre (captain), V Rathore, J Singh, A Muzumdar, S Ganguly, R Dravid, V Yadav, S Bahutule, U Chatterjee, R Chauhan, P Mhambrey

ENGLAND A: A P Wells (captain), N V Knight, M P Vaughan, J E R Gallien, D L Hemp, D G Cork, P A Nixon, G Chapple, †D K Salisbury, M M Patel, R D Stemp.

☐ Aravinda de Silva, the Sri Lanka batsman, has been approached to play for Kent this year as a replacement for Carl Hooper, the all-rounder, who will be touring England with West Indies.

☐ *Bob Woolmer, the former* England all-rounder, has had his contract as South Africa coach extended by a year to the end of March 1997.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RADIO CHOICE

Lament for an opera

Dido and Aeneas. *Radio 3, 9.40pm.*

If Dido's lament "When I am Laid in Earth" was the only notable aria in Purcell's opera, then it could explain why, from 1704 to 1895, it was not performed. A hundred years later, the lament is probably still the only aria most of us can solemnly hum along with. The big difference is that we can now see *Dido and Aeneas* for what it is — a miniature masterpiece offering soloists, chorus and orchestra with golden chances to shine. Tonight's Dido is Emily Van Evera, Ben Parry is her Aeneas, and Janet Lax her sister Belinda. Andrew Parrott conducts the Taverner Consort and Players. My regret, as always, is that despite his shared billing in the title, poor old Aeneas has so little to do.

The Lion in the Sand. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

The third of Bella Bannerman's programmes about Britons who fetched up in the Middle East, is about 8th Army men and their women based in Egypt during the desert war. One story told this morning reminded me of Peter Ustinov's film *Hotel Sahara* in which hotel manager Ustinov changed his allegiance depending on which way the war was going. There was a delicatessen in Alexandria where two cakes took it in turn to be displayed in the window. One bore the legend "Viva Mussolini", the other "Long Live Monty". Desert madness took many forms. One Desert Rat, plagued by flies, would shoot at them with his machinegun. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright in the Morning **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa L'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45** Newsbeat **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including The Amazing Spiderman; and at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel: including Xol Dog 400 from Berlin, and A.C. Acoustics from Glasgow **1.00am** The 1FM Rap Show with Westwood

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** *Pause for Thought* **7.30** *Wake Up to Wogan* **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Martin Kelner **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Maestro: Musical quiz **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Treasure Island (3/10) **9.00** Listen to the Band: Sun Life Band under Bryan Hurdley **10.00** Tony Staveacre with the Radio 2 Arts Programme: *Regional theatre in the South West* **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Jon Briggs with Night Ride

RADIO 5 LIVE

12.05am Test Match Special **7.30** The Breakfast Programme incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, including at **9.40** *Video Review*; **10.35** *Euronews*; **11.00** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, with Sybil Ruscoe **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport in full **7.35** Alan Green's Sportstalk **9.05** Off Piste: Skiing with Sandy Warr **9.35** Now the Good News **10.05** Stop Press, with John *Diamond* **10.35** *Financial Week* **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Test Match Special: Australia v England. The third day of the fourth Test from Adelaide

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** *Europe Today* **7.00** World News **7.15** *Strong Poison* **7.30** Law at the Crossroads **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** World Ranking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.15** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** *Words of Faith* **12.15** Law at the Crossroads **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *Strong Poison* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** World News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Law at the Crossroads **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** *Sport* **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15am** Poets of Place **12.30** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Worldbrief **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Schumann (Violin Concerto in D minor) **3.00** Alan Mann **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Andre Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Gary King **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather **7.00 On Air**, with Andrew McGregor. J.C. Bach (Overture in E, Op 18 No 5); Brahms (Intermezzi: in A, Op 76 No 6; in A minor, Op 76 No 7); Bax (Roscatha); Rosenmüller (Sonata in E minor for two violins); Tallis (O *sacrum convivium*); Saint-Saëns (Carnival of the Animals)

9.00 Composers of the Week: 20th-Century Scots. MacMillan (Visitatio Sepulchri, first broadcast: Scottish Chamber Orchestra)

10.00 Musical Encounters, from Glasgow with Mary Miller, including a ceilidh with *Artists of the Week*, The Whistlebinkies; **10.05** *Rachmaninov (Prelude in C sharp minor, Op 3 No 2)*; Edward McGuire (Calgecus); Shostakovich (Incidental Music: Hamlet, Op 32); Ludwig Thuille (Sextet in B flat for piano and wind quintet, *Op 6)*

12.00 Voices: Iain Burnside looks at songs about growing old (*r*)

1.00pm Chamber Music from Manchester: The Britten Quartet begins a new live series. Tippett (String Quartet No 1); Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 135)

2.00 Schools: The Song Tree: *Music Course One — The* Vanishing Hole **2.15** Together Stories **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner

3.00 Mining the Archive: John Amis introduces classic performances of music by Sir *Michael Tippett*

4.30 Sair Work's Nae Easy: In the second of three *programmes about the song* and *instrumental traditions of* Scotland, Sheena Wellington examines the music of the workplace

5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson presents music from the Iberian peninsula

5.15 In Tune: Presented by Natalie Wheen. *Including Rameau* (Les Indes galantes, excerpts); Ravel (*Valses nobles et sentimentales*); Holst (Uranus, the magician, The Planets)

7.30 Boulez and the LSO: The first concert in the *Pierre Boulez 70th Birthday Celebration* series recorded *last* Sunday at the Barbican Hall. Pierre Boulez conducts the London Symphony *Orchestra in his music and a* varied repertoire reflecting his tastes. With Daniel Barenboim at the piano. Stravinsky (The Song of the Nightingale); Boulez (Notations I-IV); Webern (Six Pieces, Op 6); *Bartók* (Piano Concerto No 1)

8.55 Women Writers of the 17th Century: Jane Sharp. Sarah *Dunant talks to Ludmilla* Jordanova, professor of cultural history at York University, about midwife Jane Sharp who wrote *The Midwives Book* in 1671

9.10 Dido Abandon'd: Clementi (Sonata in G minor, Op 30 No 3, Didone Abbandonata: John McCabe, piano)

9.40 Dido and Aeneas: See Choice

10.45 Friday Feature: Mind over Music. The first of two programmes which explore the psychology of music

11.30-12.30am Midnight Oil, *presented by Sarah Walker*

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with Canon Noel Vincent **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** *Sport* **7.45** *Thought for* the Day, with Donald English **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: The zoologist Dr Richard Dawkins (*r*)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

10.00-10.30 News; The Lion in the Sand (FM only): See *Choice*

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only): Part 15 of John Bunyan's classic

10.30 Woman's Hour: Introduced by Sylvia Horn

11.30 The Natural History Programme: Presented by Joanna Pinnock

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi

12.25pm The Food Programme: *Derek Cooper reports on the* veal industry **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (*r*) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Diary of Samuel Pepys, dramatised in six episodes by Neville Smith. In 1665 England was at war with Holland, but the greatest threat that year was from the Plague. With Oliver Parker, *Charlotte Attenborough and* Michael Kitchen (4/6) (*r*)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.05 Kaleidoscope: *Louisa Buck* reads a book about Peggy Guggenheim, patron and collector

4.45 Short Story: Proceedings, by Chris Barlas. Read by David Horovitch (*r*)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 News 6.30 Going Places

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week: Christopher Serle presents his *selection of extracts from* BBC radio and television over the past seven days

8.05 Any Questions? Hilary Armstrong MP, Opposition Treasury spokesperson; Ian Lang MP, Scottish Secretary; Brenda Maddox, journalist and *Times* columnist; and Mark Seddon, editor of *Tribune*, tackle the issues raised in Newcastle. Jonathan Dimbleby is the chairman

8.50 Law in Action: Marcel Berlins presents the first in a new series of programmes examining *the issues shaping* the law

9.15 Letter from America

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Music teacher Mr Hildreth welcomes back past pupils Damon Albarn, Dave Rowntree, Alex James and Graham Coxon of Blur (*r*) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Quartered Safe Out Here: *The final extract of George* MacDonald Fraser's personal account of the war in Burma

11.00 Week Ending: *A satirical* news review

11.25 Fourth Column: Alistair Beaton and guests

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW**)

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Funny how the same faces keep popping up

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

In the future all television programmes will be presented by comedians. I realise that now. Silly of me ever to have imagined it might be otherwise. Travel shows, chat shows, assorted dramas, even *Top of the Pops*, have already acknowledged that comedy is king. Even as I write, there are senior executives doubtless coming to the conclusion that what the *Nine O'Clock News* really needs is to be read by Stephen Fry.

But if fun is to be the future, then as long as most things star Jennifer Saunders I won't be complaining too much. Normally, what is remarkable about Saunders is that chameleon-like ability to take on a character and adopt it as her own, totally submerging her own looks and personality in the creative process. That said, in last night's **Heroes and Villains** (BBC 1) she spent an awful lot of time looking like Jennifer Saunders in familiarly imperious mode. Less remarkable, I suppose, but still quite funny.

Just how funny she was supposed to be, however, as Lady Hester Stanhope, the 19th-century adventurer, was never altogether clear. Was this history, geography, *drama or comedy? Nobody* seemed sure. At times, it invited you to be moved by the extraordinary tale of how Lady H swapped Downing Street for downtown Syria. At others, it flirted alarmingly with the *Carry On* school of film-making. Was it, for example, funny to have our heroine noisily making up for lost time having discovered sex at the age of 34? A close call, but on a wet Thursday night I decided it was.

Patrick Barlow, who both dramatised and starred in the expensive-looking production, employed that rarely used dramatic device of telling the story twice. Once with Lady H telling her tale to a young admirer in her Palmyra hideaway and once with the same admirer (now, of course, rather older) having the whole thing re-explained to him on a bench in Hyde Park by Dr Meryon (Patrick Barlow). Curious perhaps, but at least it allowed us to follow the plot (*outspoken, society spinster travels* to Middle East with doctor and lover and stays there) and allowed Barlow to sport a succession of hair-pieces that can only be described as post-Pinchian in their elaborate construction.

Among the supporting cast, Patrick Barlow made good use of the part he had written for himself, Scott Handy was touchingly sincere and serious as the admirer and Morocco did a splendid job of standing in for Syria. And if you never really forgot that it was Jennifer Saunders under yet another turban, well it didn't really matter.

Nor was there much chance of forgetting who was the star of **Situation Vacant** (BBC 2). I do not know Patrick Deuchar, the chief executive of the Albert Hall, but his formidable reputation goes before him. So it is to his credit that he gave the go-ahead to a programme that made it abundantly clear that here was a man who was seriously difficult to work with.

"What do you mean by 'he doesn't suffer fools gladly'?" he asked one of his hapless professional advisers as they set about the task of appointing a project manager to supervise the hall's £24 million refurbishment. "I rather expected you to understand that, Patrick," replied the recruitment *johnny boldly. He didn't appear* again.

Situation Vacant is like a midweek, executive version of *Blind Date*. All the same compulsive tensions are there. Will they pick the right person, will they say the right thing in their interviews? The only thing missing is "our Graham" to do the summing up. Last night's instalment was almost painfully addictive. Not just because of the formidable Deuchar — "I think at times I am really rather difficult to work for" — but because we were dealing with middle aged men (and they were all men) competing in a recession-hit construction industry. The pervading atmosphere was one of quiet desperation.

If Deuchar deserves praise for enabling the programme to go ahead, the interviewees deserve medals. The camera was quite ruthless, particularly when it came to the crucial first reactions after *the interview. "Hmm, certainly not* short of confidence," mused Deuchar, condemning one unfortunate to instant rejection. Pots and Kettles sprung mysteriously to mind. Another almost made it, until tripped at the final fence: "I think you would find him very difficult to work with, Patrick." Thank you and good night.

With Deuchar musing in now familiar vein about the dangers of making a bad appointment — "it will be either him leaving or me leaving and I ain't planning to go" it became clear that the successful candidate had apparently been intelligent enough to object to the camera's presence. I'd love to know how he's getting on with his new boss.

Earlier on, **Metropolis** (BBC 2) took the brave step of handing over half an hour of peak-time television to a London cab-driver, a profession hardly deprived of the freedom of speech at the best of times. But when it comes to city traffic, they really do know what they're talking about. As a result, I have learnt that to "surf the green wave" of the Euston Road traffic lights I have to maintain a steady speed of 30 mph (chance would be a fine thing) and that the future for urban traffic is bleak — and stationary. According to one of the experts in the back of the cab, the only solution is road-pricing. "We have come to the end of an era," he said. Bet we haven't come to the end of tipping.

Lynne Truss is on holiday

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (63640)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18138244)

9.05 Kilroy. Topical discussion (s) (8496640)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1374060) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick** (s) (6065244)

11.30 Auschwitz Remembered. Live coverage of the commemoration ceremony, presented by John Tusa (7838176)

12.05pm Good Morning with Anne and Nick continued (3823973) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78215737)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (17176)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (91962466) **1.50 Timekeepers** (s) (91966282)

2.15 Holiday. Includes reports from the Algarve and Tunisia (r). (Ceefax) (s) (481805) **2.45 The Flying Doctors** (r). (Ceefax) (5491089)

3.30 Cartoon (5192824) **3.45 Blitsa** (s) (5197379) **4.00 Jackanory**. Sandy Toksvig with the second part of her own story *From Bad to Verse* (r) (s) (6018737) **4.10 Rugrats** (s) (2927331) **4.25 The Borrowers** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1777260)

4.55 Newsround Extra. Julie Etchingham examines why some pupils set fire to their schools (7254027) **5.05 Grange Hill** (Ceefax) (s) (6023517)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (344896)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (973)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (553)

7.00 Wipeout. Game show presented by Paul Daniels. (Ceefax) (s) (9244)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Howard Stableford meets the scientist who has extracted dinosaur DNA from fossils and is now helping archaeologists piece together the puzzle of the Dead Sea Scrolls. (Ceefax) (s) (737)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses. Grandad gets a haunted feeling when Del comes up with his latest money-making scheme (r). (Ceefax) (8992)

8.30 Health and Efficiency. Kate and Michael try to stop Rex from dispensing a dangerous drug to patients in order to receive a free holiday. (Ceefax) (s) (7027)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8737)

Nigel Le Vaillant as Dr Dangerfield (9.30pm)

9.30 Dangerfield (Ceefax) (s) (564008)

10.20 FILM: White Mischief (1988) starring Greta Scacchi, Charles Dance and Joss Ackland. Based on James Fox's book of the true-life romance between the Earl of Erroll and the beautiful wife of Sir John Delves Broughton. An affair which rocked society and led to brutal murder. (582060) **Wales:** All Our Lives 10.50 Snooker — 1995 Regal Welsh Open Championships 11.25-1.10am Film: White Mischief

12.05am FILM: Strange Brew (1983) starring and directed by Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas. A megalomanic brewer uses drugged beer in a bid to take over the world (3022022)

1.35 Weather (8350190)

BBC2

7.00 The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (r) (s) (4303263) **7.05 The Family Ness** (r) (4302534) **7.10 Prince Valiant** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8669089) **7.35 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1899089)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8780263)

8.15 The Record (7132553)

8.35 Consuming Passions. Calzone (r) (s) (7120805)

8.40 The Time Of Your Life. Canadian series on the enterprising elderly (s) (4851669)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1663963) **2.00** Johnson and Friends (41172805)

2.10 Sport On Friday. Tennis: the men's semi-finals of the Australian Open; Football: a preview of tomorrow's fourth round of the FA Cup. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (s) (824517) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8600337) **Wales:** Snooker — 1995 Regal Welsh Open

4.00 Today's The Day. Recent history quiz (s) (466)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (350)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests include adulterous couples (3380244)

5.40 Decisions. Gillian King and the daughter she gave away for adoption 29 years ago explain why they decided to find each other (s) (842693)

6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r). (Ceefax) (575060)

6.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (r) (949447)

7.15 The O-Zone. Pop music magazine (s) (143805)

7.30 Sounds of the Sixties (r) (s) (379)

8.00 Countrywomen: The Laird of Auchline. (Ceefax) (s) (6534)

8.30 *Geoff Hamilton's Cottage Gardens.* (Ceefax) (5669)

9.00 Bottom. Comedy starring Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayall. (Ceefax) (s) (6379)

Alan Cumming and Forbes Masson (9.30pm)

9.30 The High Life. Airline crew comedy starring Alan Cumming and Forbes Masson. (Ceefax) (s) (98640)

10.00 The Day Today. Spoof current affairs series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (79027)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (104060)

11.15 Fantasy Football League (s) (745640). **Wales:** *Welsh Lobby 11.45* Fantasy Football League 12.15am Duckman 12.45-2.00 Film: Bride of Frankenstein

11.45 Duckman. Adult animation (s) (929669)

12.10am Weather (9825206)

12.15 FILM: The Bride of Frankenstein (1935, b/w) starring Boris Karloff. A classic horror directed by James Whale. (Ceefax) (5096867). Ends at **1.35**

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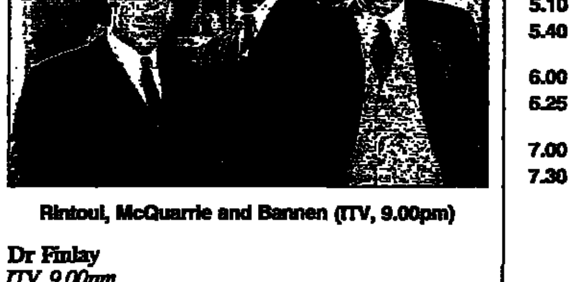
CHOICE

Dangerfield
BBC1, 9.30pm

Just when we had despaired of the BBC matching the ITV in watchable middlebrow drama, along comes a series by the experienced Don Shaw that might do the trick, even if it does look like an attempt to mate *Heartbeat* with *Peak Practice*. At any rate, the key elements are crime, medicine and an attractively photographed rural setting, in this case Warwickshire. Detective and doctor are rolled into one as police surgeon Dr Dangerfield, played by former *Casualty* star Nigel Le Vaillant. He is a busy chap. His car phone hardly stops ringing as he juggles the demands of the police, his surgery and a widowed private life, shared with two teenage children. Amanda Redman co-stars as a fellow doctor. The ingredients are fine, but they could do with a little more sparkle.



Rintoul, McQuarrie and Bannen (ITV, 9.00pm)

Dr Finlay
ITV, 9.00pm

Another fictional medic, meanwhile, is back for a new series. With Janet finally married, young Dr Neil off to pastures new and old Dr Cameron in retirement it seemed that the show had come to a natural conclusion. Happily this is not so. Janet (Annette Crosbie) is still much in evidence. Cameron (Ian Bannen) continues to finds a demand for his skills, whether medical or advising a film company on the pronunciation of Robert Burns's poems. There is a new young doctor (Stuart McQuarrie), though he must surely mend his boorish ways if he is to stay at Arden House. And Finlay (David Rintoul) bumps into an old flame, who has recently lost her husband. The juggling of plots and characters is as sure as ever.

Countrywomen
BBC2, 8.00pm

People get the wrong idea about the landed gentry, says Judy Bowser, who owns 10,000 acres and four farms in Perthshire. The wealth, she insists, is in the land and not her pocket. Even so, she makes a fair living, from deer stalking, grouse shooting, salmon fishing and the farms. Bowser is 69, an age, she says, at which your friends are either dead or immobile. She, patently, is neither. The centrepiece of this lively portrait is a deer hunt. Bowser defends what to many might seem a shocking practice, though she hopes for an instant kill and no suffering. Her daughter is set to take over the estate. Meanwhile she offers her own epitaph: "I'm known as one of the meanest people on earth but we're still here after 102 years."

Geoff Hamilton's Cottage Gardens
BBC2, 8.30pm

The subject for tonight is growing things upwards, not on the face of things a riveting theme until you realise that it embraces arches, trellis, pergolas and shaping hedges so that they look like peacocks or chickens. The programme combines visits to established gardens with Geoff Hamilton's advice on how to build the supporting structures and what plants to grow up them. Roses, climbing and rambling, feature strongly, but there is also a look at clematis, solanum, honeysuckle and sweet peas. This continues to be an attractive and practical series, of special appeal for town gardeners who yearn to create an ambience of countryside outside the back door. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV (3020843)

9.25 Chain Letters. Word game (4516718) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8213242)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place presented by John Stapleton (s) (9891824)

10.35 This Morning (32739737) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7823992)

12.30 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (7282350)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (7207669) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (34662534)

1.55 NEW **The Chrystal Rose Show**. Frank debates with a studio audience (67695878)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (17601008) **2.50 Take the High Road** (6622669)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (5144640) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5143911)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (5187992) **3.45 Warner Brothers Cartoon** (5182447) **4.00 Zzzap!** (s) (2938447) **4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures** (4052718) **4.40 Virtually Impossible** (Teletext) (s) (3372911)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (9178486)

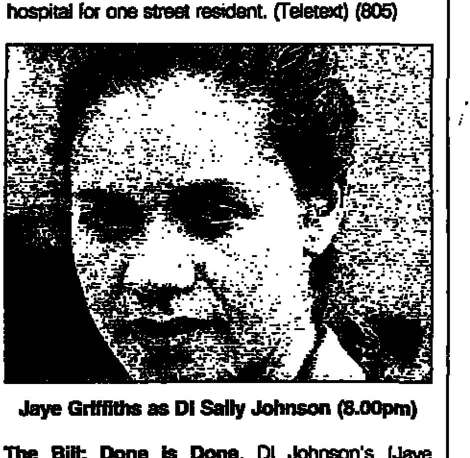
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (445319)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (502114)

6.25 London Tonight presented by Lindsay Charlton and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (294534)

7.00 Catchphrase with Roy Walker. (Teletext) (s) (7640)

7.30 Coronation Street. A 999 call leads to a dash to hospital for one street resident. (Teletext) (805)



Jaye Griffiths as DI Sally Johnson (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Done is Done. DI Johnson's (Jaye Griffiths) friends are in short supply. (Teletext) (3060)

8.30 The Upper Hand. Role-reversal comedy series starring Joe McGann and Diane Weston. Caroline's offer of a new flat for her mother does not receive the reaction she expects. (Teletext) (s) (2195)

9.00 Doctor Finlay: Old Flames. (Teletext) (s) (9331)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (66553)

10.30 Crime Monthly. Crime update for the London area (19089)

11.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (448379)

11.40 FILM: Longarm (1988) starring John T. Terlesky and Whitney Kershaw. A tough American marshal with an eye for the ladies, is dedicated to ending the rampant lawlessness in the untamed post-civil war New Mexico territory. Directed by Virgil Vogel (258945)

1.05am The James Whale Show (s) (2113041)

2.05 The Chart Show (s) (3005454)

3.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (s) (9618190)

3.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. A review of the latest American films (9964157)

4.30 The New Music includes a report from Jamaica's Sunfest 94 festival from Montego Bay, and Japanese all-girl band Shonen Knife (48428)

5.30 ITN Morning News (94480). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon A Time — Life (r) (8736992)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (30027)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (43602)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (8527805) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (8515060) **10.00** Fourways Farm (1381350) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (9137824) **10.25** Eurokids (9132379) **10.40** Off Limits (2574379) **11.05** Schools at Work (7252089) **11.11** Time for Maths (1874927) **11.22** Stage One (5274783) **11.40** How We used to Live(9536534)

12.00 Profiles Of Nature: Growing with Nature. A kind of home movie as Dan Gibson films his two young sons during their summer holidays in the wilderness, learning to identify birds and animals (r) (63466)

12.30 Sesame Street (49027) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Wombles, Paddington** and **Noggin the Nog** (40045599)

1.55 Fool's Play. A documentary about unusual street artists (73990260)

2.25 FILM: Go To Blazes (1961, b/w) starring Dave King. Vintage comedy directed by Michael Truman (266804)

4.00 Travelog (r). (Teletext) (s) (534)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (718)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Growing Apart. The story of seven British mothers trying to gain access to their children, taken by their Libyan fathers (r). (Teletext) (s) (4553)

6.00 Blossom (r). (Teletext) (s) (911)

6.30 Moviewatch. Includes cinemagoers in Hull reviewing the latest releases (s) (263)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (153008)

7.50 You Don't Know Me But . . . Advice for a person in the news (104176)

Leslie Land in snowbound Maine (8.00pm)

8.00 The 3,000 Mile Garden. The second of a six-part series about Roger Phillips and Leslie Land, keen gardeners separated by the Atlantic. (Teletext) (1602)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (1927)

9.00 Ellen. American comedy series starring Ellen DeGeneres. (Teletext) (s) (1447)

9.30 Rising Damp. Classic boarding house comedy starring Leonard Rossiter (r). (Teletext) (90008)

10.00 Roseanne. (Teletext) (s) (64195)

10.30 Jo Brand — Through the Cakehole. Stand-up comedy series (r). (Teletext) (s) (494195)

11.05 The Word (s) (566669)

12.10am Beavis and Butthead. Animated video reviews (s) (3897480)

12.35 FILM: Grace Quigley (1985) starring Katharine Hepburn and Nick Nolte. A black comedy about an ageing widow who blackmails a hitman into killing off those of her elderly friends who want to die. Directed by Anthony Harvey (855022)

2.15 FILM: The Picture Snatcher (1933, b/w) starring James Cagney and Ralph Bellamy. A drama about a former convict who becomes a forerunner of the present-day *paparazzi*. Lloyd Bacon directs (6163770) Ends at **3.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (91550621) **2.20** Gardens without Borders (1693089) **2.50-3.20** Wish You Were Here...? (6822669) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9178486) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (294534) **10.40** North Dallas Forty (48957447) **1.00am** The New Music (30954) **2.00** The James Whale Show (2655913) *2.55 Noisy Mothers (6871190) 4.00 Cue the Music (10645)* **5.00-5.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (37732)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91950621) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (17693089) **2.50-3.15** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (7324756) **5.10-5.40** Eye TV (9178486) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (294534) **10.40** Central Weekend (5488076) **12.10am-1.05** Renegade (5889684) **4.25** Jobfinder (4307138) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (7207669) **1.25** Home and Away (51150805) **1.50** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (6442089) **2.50-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (6822669) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (9178486) **6.25** Granada Tonight (682824) **6.50** Kick Off (514244) **7.00-7.30** Catchphrase (7640) **10.40** Up Front (870466) **11.40** The Equalizer (422485) **12.35am** Grapevine (9832595) **1.05** The James Whale Show (2113041) **2.05** The Chart Show (3005454) **3.00** Noisy Mothers (9518190) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9954157) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (48428)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 Take the High Road (67695878) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (5057447) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9178486) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (621) **10.40** Late and Live (1803718) **12.05am-1.05** Father Dowling *Investigates* (5870916)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (621) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (221379) **10.40** Shooter (40981244) **12.25am-1.05** The Hidden Room (9632595)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (8213242) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7823992) **1.55** A Country Practice (91950621) **2.20-2.50** Heirloom (17693089) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (5143911) **5.10** Home and Away (9178486) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Your Story (228840) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (80621) **10.00** News at Ten; Weather (68553) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (221379) **10.40** Ski-Time (683176) **11.10** Vestige of Honour (247485) **1.00am** The New Music (30954) **2.00** The James Whale Show (2655913) **2.55** Noisy Mothers (6871190) **4.00** Cue the Music (10645) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (37732)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (8213242) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (7832640) **12.25-12.30** My Story (7831911) **1.55** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (6434060) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (7323027) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (5143911) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9178486) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (80621) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (221379) **10.40-1.05pm** Wild Geese II (66579843)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (8213242) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bisdale: Network North (7823992) **1.55** A Country Practice (91950621) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (5087824) **3.10** Help Yourself (5155758) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (5154027) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bisdale: Network North (5143911) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9178486) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (581447) **6.30-7.00** Cryer's Crackers (821) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (221379) **10.40** Music and Movies (663176) **11.10** The Hidden Room (677534) **11.40** I'm Dangerous Tonight (172932) **1.20am** The James Whale Show (2119225) **2.20** The Big E (9741206) **3.15** The Goldwyn Follies (623312) **5.00-5.30** Sportsworld (37732)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (30027) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (43602) **9.30** Ysgolion (884466) **12.00pm** Profiles Of Nature: Growing With Nature (63466) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (70244) **1.00** Sesame Street (47517) **2.00** Three Came Home (717602) **3.55** The Pulse (3881737) **4.30** Saved By The Bell: The College Years (718) **5.00** 5 Pump (2718) **5.30** Countdown (398) **6.00** Newyddion (933080) **6.15** Heno (924263) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5282) **7.30** Rhagor O Wynt (447) **8.00** Cein Gwlad Elis Lloyd (1602) **8.30** Newyddion (1927) **9.00** Pawb A' i Farn (373602) **9.45** Snapshots: Malcolm Bradbury (688114) **10.00** Brookside (64195) **10.30** Jo Brand Through The Cakehole (494195) **11.05** The Word (566669) **12.10am** Snwcer: Pencampwriaeth Cymru 95 (8718157) **12.50** Beavis and Butt-head (6629022)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (91195) **8.00** Power Rangers (11027) **8.30** DJ Kat Show (4565805) **8.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9833832) **9.30** Card Sharks (29534) **10.00** Concentration (29447) **10.30** Candid Camera (90534) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (46602) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (14114) **12.30pm** E Street (23350) **1.00** St Elsewhere (28805) **2.00** Shaka Zulu (20176) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey Show (9691060) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (3160466) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4331) **6.00** Gamesworld (6911) **6.30** Blockbusters (6263) **7.00** E Street (5060) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2447) **8.00** The Andrew Newton Hypnotic Experience (1008) **8.30** Coppers (3843) **9.00** Chicago Hope (78824) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (71911) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (351176) **11.45** Littlejohn (693814) **12.30am** Chances (50732) **1.30** Night Court (33577) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (4171374)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (9270553) **9.30** Worldwide Report (94640) **10.30** ABC Nightline (98176) **1.30pm** CBS News (73689) **2.30** Parliament Live (88878) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (4669) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (126669) **9.30** *Financial Times* Reports (41756) **11.30** CBS News (18973) **12.30am** ABC News (58374) **1.30** *Financial Times* Reports (48954) **2.30** Parliament Replay (93577) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (94022) **4.30** CBS News (55732) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2130602) **10.00 Move Over, Darling** (1963) (34466) **12.00 Ordeal in the Arctic** (1993) (34379) **2.00pm Summer and Smoke** (1961) (62263) **4.00 Dream Chasers** (1985) (9263) **6.00 Sunset Boulevard** (1950) (82027) **8.00 A Million to One** (1993) (96784060) **9.40 US Top Ten** (820263) **10.00 White Sands** (1992) (141602) **11.45 Rage and Honor** (1992) (796521) **1.20am Loot** (1970) (903374) **3.00 Halloween III: Season of the Witch** (1983) (536312) **4.35-6.00 Dream Chasers** (1985): As 4pm (3393577)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The People that Time Forgot (1977) (65251640) **7.40 One-Eyed Jacks** (1961) (51106805) **10.00-12.00 Don't Look Now** (1973) (51260)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Twister (1989) (62845640) **7.35 The Little Mermaid: Cartoon** (6687060) **8.30 The Snow Queen** (1993) (14575756) **10.05 Tell Me a Riddle** (1981) (86931447) **11.50 Cockleshell Heroes** (1955) (78928824) **1.30pm The Kid from Texas** (1950) (1233534) **2.50 The Prisoner of Zenda** (1988) (4482737) **4.00 The Snow Queen.** As 8.30am (68840114) **5.55 Shattered Family** (1993) (16819379) **7.30 The Movie Show** (8486) **8.00 The Distinguished Gentleman** (1992) (85114) **10.00 The Assassin** (1993) (163824) **11.50 The Philadelphia Experiment 2** (1993) (725008) **1.30am In the Deep Woods** (1992) (621393) **3.05 Duplicates** (1991) (8360799) **4.35-6.00 The Kid from Texas** (1950). As 1.30pm (3391119)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS
8.00am Soccer News (2960379) **8.15** Fish Tales (2943602) **8.30** WWF Action Zone (90553) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (29973) **10.00** NBA Basketball (49737) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (10737) **12.30pm** World of Rugby (30089) **1.00** Snooker Regal Welsh Open, Live (483224) **4.00** World of Speed and Beauty (2244) **4.30** Transworld Sport (91282) **5.30** World Soccer Magazine (2008) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (48008) **7.00** International Cricket Highlights (752843) **10.00** Andy Gray's Bootroom (83397) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (99089) **12.00-8.00am** International Cricket, Live (4857190)

SKY SPORTS 2
6.00am Max Out (8083485) **6.30** NBA Action (8074737) **7.00** The Big League, Live: Warrington v Sheffield (3264379) **9.30-12.00** Snooker Welsh Open (6931244)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Euroski (88602) **8.30** Olympic Magazine (85621) **9.30** Eurofun (54669) **10.00** Tennis (5844027) **5.30pm** Cross-Country Skiing (82008) **6.30** Eurosport News (8669) *7.00 International Motorsports Report* (96244) **8.00** Motors Magazine (33832) **9.00** Tennis (25756) **10.00** Wrestling (28843) **11.00** Golf (16485) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (84041)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (2633973) **8.30** Peyton Place (2632244) **9.00** As the World Turns (9481669) **10.00** Guiding Light (4966060) **11.00-12.00** Another World (4966824)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Getaway — Australia (2636060) **12.30pm** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (8879185) **1.00** Ski Perfect (4980840) **1.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (8979465) **2.00** The Great Escape (8978927) **2.30** Round Trip — Boston, New England (8082756) **3.00** American Vacation (7170624) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide Review (8073008) **4.30** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (8062992) **5.00** The Great Escape (4271318) **5.30-6.00** Cooking in America (6053244)

Bridget Fonda in *The Assassin* (Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

TLC
9.00am A Brush with Ashley (7015805) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (2470331) **10.00** Talking Heads (4112008) **10.30** Only Human (2798060) **11.30** An Ordinary Rage (2930621) **12.00** The Tri-Lids (2483282) **1.00pm** Madeleine Cooks (7181823) **1.30** A Brush with Ashley (2480718) **2.00** Parents Talking (5820060) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (7201331) **3.00** Gardens without Borders (2884486) **4.30** Secret Life of Machines (7213176)

UK GOLD
7.00am Give Us a Clue (7184756) **7.30** Neighbours (7163263) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7037640) **8.30** EastEnders (7026911) **9.00** The Bill (7017263) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (2039485) **10.30** Casualty (2707718) **11.30** No Place Like Home (2949379) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7037027) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2483805) **1.00** EastEnders (7183027) **1.30** The Bill (2482176) **2.00** Dear John (9539319) **2.30** Just Good Friends (7210089) **3.00** Knots Landing (2943195) **4.00** Dallas (2922802) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8732621) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (2825669) **5.55** Porridge (7299805) **6.30** EastEnders (7235398) **7.00** Dear John (5839355) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (7224282) **8.00** My Name is Harry Worth (9634963) **8.30** Fresh Fields (4484260) **9.00** Casualty (9293176) **10.00** The Bill (7038756) **10.30** Top of the Pops (8607553) **11.15** Carrott Confidential (2786832) **11.55** Dr Who (7518485) **12.25am** FILM. Malone: A CIA operative becomes involved in a plot to conquer America. Stars Burt Reynolds (9209645) **2.00-5.00** Shopping at Night (4164374)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street. Early-learning fun (9244534) **6.55** Garfield and Friends (3480737) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8693824) **7.55** Pugwall's Summer (5055805) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (6204992) **8.45** Casper and Friends (3422447) **9.00** Sesame Street (83331) **10.00** It's Drobee Time (42621) **11.00** Christopher Crocodile (62485) **12.00** Garfield and Friends (56553) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (65553) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (33973) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (17387319) **1.45** Baby Follies (26832224) **2.00** Barney and Friends (4756) **2.30** Babar (5350) **3.00** Casper and Friends (6118553) **3.15** Where's Wally (185244) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (117843) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (4684244) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (5114)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive (1872640) **7.15** Pee-Wee (227669) **7.45** Rugrats (219640) **8.15** Doug (388244) **8.45** Nickalive (9108973) **9.00** Nick Jr (734440) **12.00** Pee-Wee (18379) **12.30pm** Muppets (21331) **1.00** Galaxy High School (28422) **1.30** Banana Sandwich (20602) **2.00** Denver (1640) **2.30** Smoggies (9534) **3.00** Nick Faves (7447) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Teenage Turtles (1379) **4.00** Doug (3114) **4.30** Rugrats (9398) **5.00** Clarissa (2982) **5.30** Alex Mack (3350) **6.00** Grimmy (9373) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (4843)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Earth Tremors (2920244) **5.00** Roger Kennedy's Rediscovering America (8189876) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (2499466) **7.00** Charlie Bravo (7739337) **7.30** Guide to the Orient (7222824) **8.00** Jurassica (1434945) **8.30** Terra X (6284242) **9.00** Islands of the Pacific (4286089) **9.50** Man Eaters of the Wild (7630824) **10.00** Future Quest (7036398) **10.30** Next Step (7012718) **11.00** First Flights (2921973) **11.30-12.00** The X-Planes (4101992)

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12.00 FILM: Always a Bride (1954) (9662909) *1.30pm Drama Classics (2477244) 2.00 The* Avengers (4100263) **3.00** My Three Sons (2769832) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (7200602) **4.00** FILM: Lady Caroline Lamb (1973) (4684468) **6.00** The Protectors (7239114) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (2367602) **7.30** Saber of London (7219350) **8.00** The Avengers (9209008) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (9288244) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Private Files of J. Edgar Hoover (1977) (2837534)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (2166244) **7.00** Living Magazine (2189282) **8.00** Rosemary Conley (1709006) **8.15** Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga (1782331) **8.30** The Truth About Women (7380089) **9.00** Marco (4505089) **9.35** Now You See It (7899569) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4342718) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (7393553) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3206911) **12.00** Rendezvous (8398945) **12.35pm** Kilroy (2951824) **1.30** Family Affairs (4027060) **2.00** Agony Hour (4343447) **3.00** Living Magazine (4387621) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (87781534) **4.00** Infatuation (5300737) **4.30** Trivia Trap (10524379) **4.55** Eating Out with John Tovey (2280718) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5380973) **6.00** The Susan Powter Show (5310114) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (5301466) **7.00** Living Magazine (9317589) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7317319) **9.00** FILM: Double Standards (1988) (4167896) **11.00** The New Mr and Mrs Show (7207282) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (4331602)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Mouse (5008) **5.30** Blade Warriors (789992) **6.25** All Clued Up (907621) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (5244) **7.30** My Two Dads (6843) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (52824) **9.00** Moonlighting (32060) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (57282) **10.30** GP (83602) **11.00** Lou Grant (43350) **12.00** Rhoda (26041) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (81480) **1.00** Danger Mouse (87848) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (13751) **2.00** Moonlighting (38732) **3.00** Lou Grant (27409) **4.00** Rhoda (65751) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (91041)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (33461) **6.30** The Grind (23006) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (42244) **8.00** VJ Ingo (913027) **11.00** Soul (64843) **12.00** Greatest Hits (73718) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (691008) **3.30** The Coca-Cola Report (8940379) **3.45** CineMatic (8938534) **4.00** News (4603379) **4.15** 3 from 1 (4686602) **4.30** Dial MTV (4244) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (46176) **7.00** Greatest Hits (45534) **9.00** Most Wanted (90756) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (74447) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (961244) **10.15** CineMatic (899027) **10.30** News (355337) *10.45 3 from 1 (600242) 11.00 Party Zone* (15737) **1.00am** Soul (34393) **2.00** The Grind (83157) **2.30** Night Videos (6162747)

VH-1
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Frenchman faces disrepute charge after attack on spectator at Selhurst Park

FA pledges severe penalty for Cantona

By David Miller

NEVER has an incident more clearly demonstrated the need for a national governing body to conduct, independently, disciplinary matters concerning the FA Premier League than Eric Cantona's crazed behaviour at Selhurst Park on Wednesday night. Some Premiership chairmen are pressing, nonsensically, for self-government.

The Football Association yesterday gave Cantona 14 days to respond to a charge of bringing the game into disrepute. It is believed the FA, between morning and afternoon, persuaded a reluctant Manchester United to suspend its French international centre forward until the time of the hearing.

An announcement to this effect was expected from Old Trafford late last night or early this morning.

Behind the prosaic terms of the FA's statement yesterday — "stain on the game", "bound to face severe penalties", "appalling example to youngsters" — lay the clear intention to impose the heaviest penalties ever upon a delinquent player.

The statement said the FA would do everything to prevent such a disgraceful event happening again. Asked if this could mean an indefinite ban, Graham Kelly, the chief executive, said: "We have the widest powers, and will not hesitate to use them."

Yet, in answer to another question on whether there would be discipline against Manchester United — especially in the event of criminal charges for assault on members of the paying public — Kelly said cautiously: "They [United] will undoubtedly suffer [from penalties on Cantona]. It could be counter-productive for the FA to take sanctions in the light of [present tensions in] relations between the FA and Premier League."

There is the urgent need for the FA to show its muscle. We can expect it will against Cantona, but is less likely to against United, even were there to be prosecutions against Cantona and Paul Ince.

There is the precedent of points deduction for brawling on the field. How much more should there be for assault on spectators?

After Cantona had jumped feet first at a spectator's chest, immediately after having been sent off for kicking Crystal Palace's central defender, Shaw, Ince waded into the mêlée of spectators and stewards.

Manchester United's overall disciplinary record at present is not that bad. They are predominantly a graceful team. But the faith of Alex Ferguson, the manager, when loyally standing behind Cantona after four sendings-off in 16 months has proved misguided and unrewarded. The astonishingly gifted Cantona seemingly has a generic character flaw, and I repeat my observation immediately after the match: he should be placed on the transfer list and banned from the club.

The financial loss involved — not that it should be a factor, considering the disgrace inflicted upon United and the game — is arguable. Cantona's immense contribution has already been the catalyst in two successive championship titles. He should now be sent home to France to face the wrath of his own federation and his own people.

The French Federation, equally appalled by the incident, yesterday promised severe action. Claude Simonet, its vice-president, said it was preparing "draconian measures" and the case deserved "serious, detailed attention".

At one moment on Wednesday, Cantona was walking down the touchline, chin raised in defiance and disdain, like some defeated French general, the next he had leapt into the crowd. If his temporary insanity is intolerable so is the element of hate that still runs through some crowds.

England can be proud of the return to fence-free grounds, and the post-Hillsborough re-establishment of predominant crowds of control. But Wednesday's incident, like Hillsborough's tragedy, was the product of several concurrent, converging factors:

1: Too tolerant refereeing in the first half that permitted excessive unlawful tackling by a desperate, relegation-threatened Palace defence;

2: Previous physical provocation by Shaw in challenging for the ball;

3: Unacceptable provocation by the crowd;

4: Absence of crowd protection for Cantona as well as from him.

Graham Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), is right to ask for stewardship for players sent off, in their own interest, wrong to infer that the PFA will "help" Cantona. As my colleague, Rob Hughes, suggests, some of the blame must lie with the well-intentioned Ferguson.

The Manchester United manager, and indeed the whole game, must recognise that victory without honour is worthless. This is the message that the FA, and Manchester United, must present.

It is also wrong for Taylor to suggest that authorities should bear in mind that Cantona is the PFA "player of the year". That is something Cantona should have kept in mind.

Fifa, the sport's world governing body, said through a spokesman it deplored Cantona's behaviour but would not intervene unless requested to do so by the FA.

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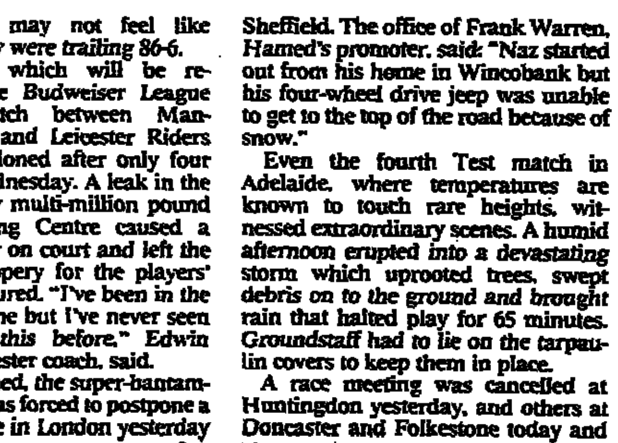
Kelly, left, and David Davies at the FA's press conference at which it was indicated Cantona would face "severe penalties" for his actions, including lunging feet first at a spectator

STEVE LINDSELL



1 YEAR: Billy Cook, the Oldham Athletic full back, suspended after refusing to leave the pitch when sent off against Middlesbrough in 1915.

8½ MONTHS: Billy McLafferty, of Stenhousemuir, suspended for failing to appear at a disciplinary hearing after being sent off in 1993. He was also fined £250.

7 MONTHS: Frank Barson, the Watford centre half, suspended after he was sent off at home to Fulham in a third division match in 1928.

12 MATCHES: Duncan Ferguson, the Rangers striker, suspended for violent conduct in 1994. The ban is still to be served.

9 MATCHES: Paul Davis, the Arsenal midfield player, suspended after a punch that broke Glenn Cockerill's jaw in 1988. Davis was also fined £3,000.

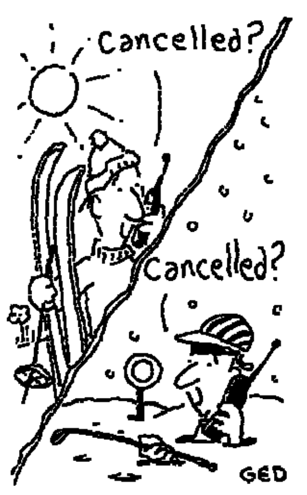
9 MATCHES: Steve Walsh, the Leicester City defender, suspended for his poor disciplinary record in 1987.

9 MATCHES: Frank Sinclair, the Chelsea defender, suspended after he clashed heads with a referee while on loan at West Bromwich Albion in 1992. He was also fined £600.

42 DAYS: Alan Gough, the Fulham goalkeeper, suspended for assaulting referee in an Autoglass Trophy match at Gillingham in 1993.

£20,000: Vinnie Jones, the Wimbledon midfield player, fined for bringing the game into disrepute with his "Soccer's Hard Men" video in 1992.

Mother nature cries foul on best sporting endeavour


Cancelled?
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GED

By Simon Wilde

SOME sportsmen may take laws into their own hands, others may think they are above them, but none can do anything about the stern hand of nature. World championship skiers, Test cricketers, National Hunt jockeys, rugby league players, even boxers and basketball players, have all found that out in the past 24 hours.

The world alpine skiing championships, scheduled to begin in the Spanish resort of Sierra Nevada on Monday, were — unsurprisingly — postponed yesterday. The worst snow season in 90 years at Sierra Nevada forced the first postponement in the championship's 64-year history.

Jeronomo Paez, the head of the Spanish organising committee, put the decision down to "force majeure" and said the venue was ready to stage the championships in February 1996. Local businesses will have to wait until then to reap the £7 million they had been counting on taking during the championship fortnight.

Whitehaven, having run in 15 tries in 63 minutes before their second-division match with Highfield was abandoned because of snow on Wednesday evening, will await with interest the deliberations of the Rugby Football League's board of directors as to whether the match should be replayed.

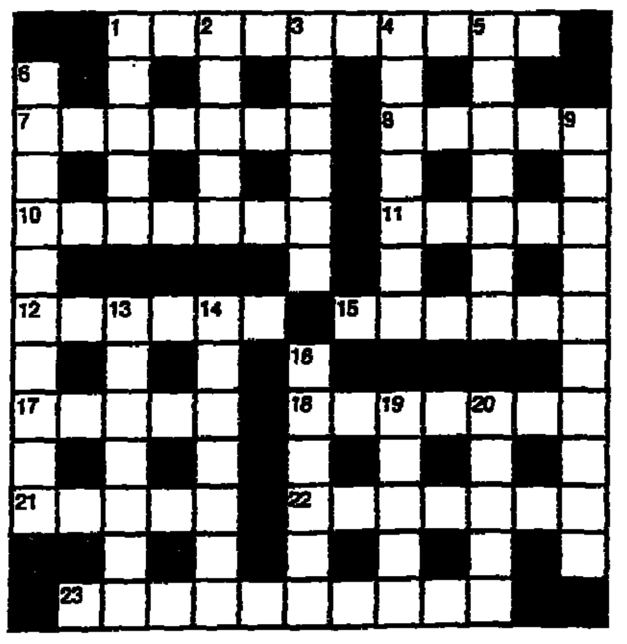
The result is likely to stand, a verdict that even Highfield, who last weekend became the first professional club to be eliminated from the Silk Cut Challenge Cup by amateur opposition for 86 years, may not feel like contesting. They were trailing 86-6.

One fixture which will be re-arranged is the Budweiser League basketball match between Manchester Giants and Leicester Riders that was abandoned after only four minutes on Wednesday. A leak in the roof of the new multi-million pound National Cycling Centre caused a puddle of water on court and left the surface too slippery for the players' safety to be ensured. "I've been in the game a long time but I've never seen anything like this before," Edwin James, the Leicester coach, said.

Naseem Hamed, the super-bantamweight boxer, was forced to postpone a press conference in London yesterday to announce his next opponent after he was snowed in at his home in Sheffield. The office of Frank Warren, Hamed's promoter, said: "Naz started out from his home in Wincobank but his four-wheel drive jeep was unable to get to the top of the road because of snow."

Even the fourth Test match in Adelaide, where temperatures are known to touch rare heights, witnessed extraordinary scenes. A humid afternoon erupted into a devastating storm which uprooted trees, swept debris on to the ground and brought rain that halted play for 65 minutes. Groundstaff had to lie on the tarpaulin covers to keep them in place.

A race meeting was cancelled at Huntingdon yesterday, and others at Doncaster and Folkestone today and Uttoxeter tomorrow have been lost already, to snow or waterlogging.



TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 (Packed) full (2,8)
7 Inner working parts (7)
8 Earnestly ask (5)
10 Go before (7)
11 Elephant tusk material (5)
12 Illegible writing (6)
15 Cow: woolly: island (6)
17 Young eel (5)
18 Disinclination to move, work (7)
21 Avail; wait (at table) (5)
22 Morsel of information (7)
23 Law fallen into disuse (4,6)

DOWN
1 Hint of colour (5)
2 Bending line (5)
3 Crayon: delicate colour (6)
4 Thicket: to trim this (7)
5 Little shudders, quiverings (7)
6 Displace from ownership (10)
9 G&S impresario (5,5)
13 Go backwards; a setback (7)
14 Explosive part of missile (7)
16 Organised body cells: disposable wipe (6)
19 Decree (5)
20 Drinker (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 379

ACROSS: 7 Extravaganza 9 Arraign 10 Tango 11 Root 12 Pentagon 15 Aesthete 17 Liar 19 Shrew 21 Renegue 22 Notification

DOWN: 1 Uxorious 2 Grail 3 Evince 4 Agitate 5 Anon 6 War of nerves 8 Hair-raising 13 Goings-on 14 Show off 16 Thrice 18 Unity 20 Rote

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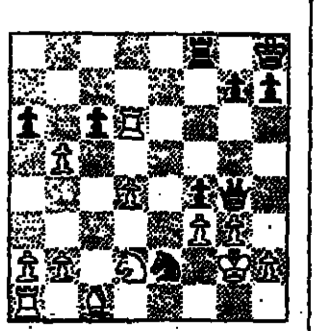
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Ljubojevic - Nunn, Szirak 1987.
Although Black has queen for rook and bishop, White's position is solid and he is threatening to vacuum off Black's queenside pawns. Nevertheless, Black has a way to power through on the kingside. Can you find it?



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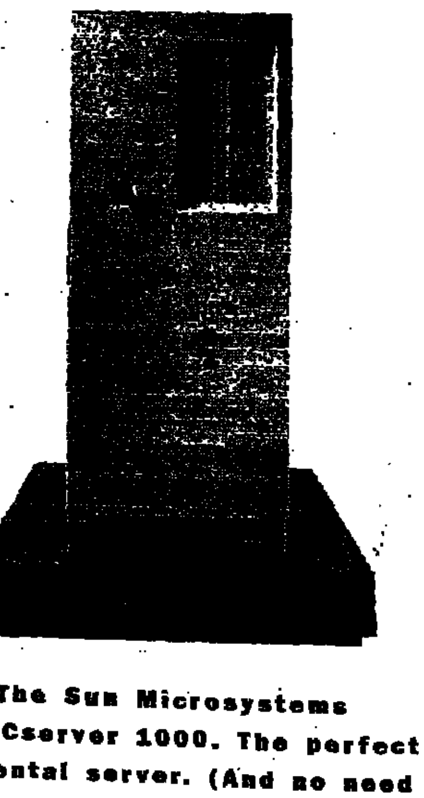
WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

NEKULTURNY
a. The practice of shelling shellfish
b. Unenlightened
c. A Celtic festival
LAPPIE
a. A dish-cloth
b. A dog, bred for ornamental use
c. Portuguese fish stew

ornamental use
c. Portuguese fish stew
HOUNGAN
a: Haggard
b. A voodoo priest
c. A cape woven from grass
KIDANG
a: A difficult surfing manoeuvre



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